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EDS. COM.—If the lines which follow are not so poetical, they at least are sober, earnest and truthful. I regret to see a studied effort made by politicians at this (to me) inopportune moment, to draw attention to their favorite candidates for the *next* Presidency. I think that all earnest men will, and do recognize in this terrible struggle of light against darkness, the hand of ONE, higher than we; and I fear not but He will make a proper selection of *the* man to carry out His great purposes in the future. At all events, be it our duty—one, and all, to bend our energies in this opening campaign to crush out the armies of Baal! After *that* we can bring forward *our* man—so he be (as I fear not he will be) the *right* one.

Who Shall be the Next President?

Not this the time for party strife—
Not this the time for party feud,
But, this the time to war for life,
And strive as for one common good.
Of what avail that seas of blood
Have drench'd as with hot tears, the sod,
And million lives by field and flood
Gone out for Freedom and for God;
All is in vain if discord come
To drown the beat of battle-drum!

Shoulder to shoulder—heart to heart—
Responsive echoing one wild cry—
With life, with all things dear to part,
So Truth survive, nor Freedom die—
So that the sin of Slavery—
Of falsehood, from the earth be driven,
And for the cloud, the pure blue sky
Give token of approving Heaven,
O white-wing'd bird! till then—but, then,
The peace-pipe may we smoke again!

Who shall be the next President?
Not *him*, who, recreant to the trust
Reposed in him, his influence lent,
To lay his country in the dust!
Not him who holds this strife unjust—
Who'd barter honor for a place,—
Who'd shame the dead whose "swords are rust,"
The memory's of that grand old race
Whose blood at Bunker, poured like rain,
Yielded its fruit on Yorktown's plain!

He shall be the next President,
Who, grasping our high destiny,
Accepts the sword's stern arbitrament
As at the hand of Deity!
Who, prophet-like, doth in it see
Pledge of the world's sublimer weal—
The death-doom to its tyranny.
Who, while he keenly wounds, would heal—
He only shall the sceptre sway,
Who dares to do the right alway!

Then work we for the one great end—
The man is now, whom God doth choose!
It needs that ye but earnest lend,
To rive the traitor's stoutest thews.
We can but win, we dare not lose—
And so a *true man* hold the helm,
(We fear not for our iron crews—)
Nor storm shall the "Old Ship" o'erwhelm:
The man is on his mission sent,
Who will be the next President!

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A PLEASANT STORY.

THE OLD LOVE.

A Story Interesting to Everybody.

Hildred Hayne sat alone in her quiet parlor. It was late in November, and a great wood fire blazed on the hearth, lighting up the remotest corner of the apartment with a ruddy glare. The warm light fell full over the lonely woman, and brought out with vivid distinctness every line and curve of her motionless figure.

Miss Hayne had, probably, seen thirty years of life, though the silver threads in her temple gave you the impression that she was older. She was slight and tall, with deep gray eyes, abundant brown hair, put plainly back from her forehead, well cut, clearly defined features, and a mouth which had once been sweet and womanly, but now its expression was cold and hard. The crimson lips shut tightly, and there was a steel-like determination about them at variance with the tender light in the downcast eyes, and the thoughtful curve of the fair brow. Looking in her face, you knew that all Miss Hayne's life had not passed as quietly as the days she was now living. The existence of her girlhood was a thing entirely dissevered from the present; looking back upon it, she could scarcely realize that she was the same gay girl, who, six years ago, had made the Red Rock farm house vocal with the music of her laughter.

For six weary years she had been a recluse. Her only companions at the farm were the sturdy hired man and his practical wife, who, under her supervision, managed the farm work. She had received no company—gone none abroad; she had buried the world and its interest; and a little removed from the turmoil of the city, she dwelt on in seclusion. Little children avoided her. Neighbors never ran in of an evening for an hour's chat with her; the very dogs trotted past her gate without halting to utter a friendly bark. Yet, Miss Hayne was unkind to no living creature. She was supremely indifferent. Positive in temper would have made her more popular than this strange, passionless apathy, through the ice of which nothing could penetrate.

At twenty-two, Hildred Hayne was the acknowledged belle of her vicinity—the loveliest, gayest girl for miles and miles around. To her personal grace and beauty she united charms of mind and heart far above the common order. Sensitive, high spirited, confiding, affectionate, she won the love of Paul Lancaster—the only son and heir of Judge Lancaster, at the hall; and with the consent of all concerned, they were betrothed.

Mr. Lancaster was handsome, well educated, engaging in his manners, and *self-willed*. Never in his life had a single wish of his been allowed to die ungratified. He knew nothing of disappointments, nothing of self-sacrifice; he was noble and generous, but impulsive and reckless.

They had been engaged a year, when there came to Portland—the city of Mr. Lancaster's birth—a fair Southern lady, a distant relative of Paul's mother. Isabel Courtland was beautiful and fascinating, and was much in the society of the Lancasters. There is no need of enlarging on the subject; it was but a repetition of the old story—the first love was valueless beside the second. Almost before he was conscious of his perfidy, Paul Lancaster avowed his passion for the fair stranger, and heard the words from her lips which made life for him an Eden.

Like a flash of lightning from a cloudless sky came the knowledge to Hildred, that her lover was *hers* no longer. She did not weep, nor rave—she heard it with a white face and nerves like steel; her own heart was so true and loyal that it was with difficulty she could understand such dishonor in the man she loved. She did not censure him for loving another better than herself, and remembering how he had kept her in ignorance of the change in his feelings, she was cold and unforgiving; and when she sent Paul free from her presence, it was with the command never to show his face to her again so long as they both should live.

From that time Hildred was an altered being. She did not pine nor mope, but her youth seemed dead. She went about slowly and methodically; became hard and calculating in her disposition, and shut out all love from her heart. When her parents died, within a few months of each other, leaving her all alone in the world, but for her little sister, Mary, she refused to break up the old establishment at Red Rock farm, as her friends advised, but lived there still, taking all the responsibility of the large farm on her slender shoulders.

Mary, beautiful, golden haired Mary, was her solace—the only thing she seemed to love; to her, she was tender, devoted and self-sacrificing. The sole tie that bound Hildred Hayne to humanity! Even this was rent away. A malignant fever swept over the vicinity of Red Rock farm, and Mary was among the first smitten. Three dreadful days of dumb agony to Hildred passed, and, on the morning of the fourth, she held her dead sister in her arms! And when they buried the sweet girl, Hildred's human love was laid to rest in her grave. Thenceforth, for the dark eyed, lonely woman at Red Rock, the world held not a solitary charm!

Once only since her banishment of him had she seen Paul Lancaster. The day her sister was buried, he had thrown a snowdrop into the grave; and, as he turned away, they two met face to face. There was a wild, imploring, passionately tender look in his eyes—a stony, immovable look in hers, and not a word was spoken. He understood her.

He went away into the world shortly afterwards; the Hall passed out of the hands of his father, who removed to a distant State, and Hildred knew nothing more of the family. No one ever mentioned them to her; she made no inquiries; she said to herself that she did not care to know.

Life passed on monotonously enough. She hardly noted the change of seasons, except as agricultural interests compelled her to do so. She took little thought for the things of the morrow; she never looked forward; it was doubtful if she ever realized the present. She might have interested herself in the poor, but she did not; she gave nothing to beggars; sat in no sanctuary, and lived a life hidden from the view of all.

That November night Hildred, for the first time in many years, was looking over her past life. Somehow her heart felt softer—there were tender memories at work; the spirit of mercy pleaded with iron-handed justice; she almost felt that she could forgive Paul Lancaster all he had made her suffer. A rap at the door aroused her. She waited, expecting old Francis or his wife to answer the call; but evidently they did not hear, and taking up the lamp she went herself. The air was thick with snow, and on the door-step, his blue overcoat white with the feathery flakes, stood a man in the Federal uniform. He lifted his hat and spoke with courtesy:

"Is this the residence of Miss Hildred Hayne?"

"It is," she answered, coldly; "what is your business?"

The young soldier's bronzed cheek flushed at her haughty tone, but he replied with feeling:

"Madam, I have in my charge a wounded officer who was given over to die by our regimental surgeon; and on his discharge from the hospital, he made one solemn request, probably his last one. He asked to be brought here, that his dying breath might be drawn in the place where the only happiness of his life had come to him. I, as his friend and subordinate, have complied with his request. Shall I bring him in?"

Miss Hayne's cool hand trembled slightly; a faint quiver of scarlet shot up to her forehead.

"What is the gentleman's name?" she asked.

"Col. Paul Lancaster."

She made a movement as if to close the door, but the soldier put himself in the way.

"Madam, you may be refusing shelter to a dying man. Reflect, before you decide. Colonel Lancaster was once your friend; will you shut the door of your house upon him when he asks, with his expiring breath, the cover of its roof?"

Miss Hayne underwent a struggle, but it was momentary. She threw open the door, and called to old Francis.

"Carry him in there," she said, pointing to the warm parlor; "I will come to him directly." She went up to her chamber and locked herself in. What a fearful trial she passed through was known only to God and her own soul.

In a little while she came down, pale and quiet, and entered the room where they had taken her guest. The sofa was drawn up before the fire; and the pale, wan face that was lifted to meet her eyes, was hardly recognizable as that of the Paul Lancaster she had once known.

A slight tinge of color swept the ashen white of his cheek; he held out his hand—the other he had lost.

"Hildred," he said, feebly, "at last have I dared to return to you."

She took his hand; her face softened; there was a little tremor in her voice; "I am pleased to welcome you, Col. Lancaster."

"By the memory of the sweet past, O, Hildred, let me stay where I can sometimes look at you! I only asked God to let me live until I could come here to die! until, dying, I could plead for, and obtain your forgiveness! You will not refuse me, Hildred?"

"I have buried all enmity," she said, slowly and solemnly; "we will forget what has been and be friends. Where shall I address a leter to your relatives?"

"I have none near enough to care for my misfortunes. My father is dead; my sister sleeps in a foreign grave. I have neither friends nor relatives."

She looked at him with dumb wonder. Perhaps he understood the doubt expressed in her face, for he said, as if in explanation:

"No, Hildred; I have never married. The *first* love of my life was the *one* true love of my soul. My fancy for Isabel Courtland was a brief passion. It died a speedy death, and I buried it out of my sight. Hildred, I have never loved any woman save you."

She laid her hand on his forehead softly; the hardness and gloom went out of her face; the lines of determination around her mouth were smoothed away; she was kind, and tender, and womanly.

"Sleep!" she said gently; "henceforth nothing save death shall divide us!"

From that hour a wonderful change come over Hildred Hayne. Once more she was human; the world held interests for her; she left her solitary life of selfishness, and did good to those around her.

Colonel Lancaster owed his life to her unremitting care, and when, at last, he rose up, maimed and feeble, but chastened and purified by long suffering, Hildred became his wife.

The old hard existence was forever cast aside; and to-day you can find no more *womanly* woman than Hildred Lancaster.

STEAM PLOWING IN EUROPE.—While American inventors have been felicitating themselves upon the numerous and important adaptations of machinery they have made to the wants of agriculture, they appear to be unmindful of the progress making in Europe, in applying steam upon farms as a substitute for hired labor. Gov. Wright, who was acting as United States Commissioner at the recent International Exhibition, at Hamburg, says among the implements exhibited were five steam plows, which cut from three to five furrows at each course: "So important did the exhibition of the steam plow appear that a partial promise was procured from an eminent English firm to attend the first national agricultural exhibition held in the United States with their steam plowing apparatus, if an invitation should be extended to competitors in this mode of plowing." It is a little singular that, in a great agricultural country like this, the subject of plowing by steam should excite so little interest, and receive so little support, from the farmers of this country, where manual labor is higher and farm hands cost more than in any European country.

THE EARS HEARING UNEQUALLY.—Herr Fessel, of Cologne, in making experiments with tuning forks, has, by holding one to each ear at the same time, discovered that the ears do not possess an equal power of hearing. It appears, from numerous trials on different individuals, that the highest tones are heard best with the right ear; and no instance has yet been met with in which the hearing was exactly alike on the two sides of the head. This, however, is but a refined demonstration of a peculiarity which has long been popularly known, for who has not heard persons speak of their "best ear?" Still, a practical knowledge of the subject may help in the education of pupils whose ear for music is said to be bad. Perhaps but few persons are aware that there is also a general difference in the sight of the right and the left eye. Some fancy themselves near-sighted, when the only defect is that the two eyes do not focus alike—a defect that may be remedied by artificial means.

THE practice of giving gratuities to servants at gentlemen's houses in England by visitors is still kept up. The Cornhill Magazine gives the following as the tariff:

A single man who takes his valet along has no fees to give in the house; though, if he rides, or if a carriage be ordered out solely for his use, he will be expected to give a trifle to the stables. Housemaids look for a small gratuity from ladies only. A man, visiting without his valet, must of course fee the man who waits upon him; but the following very moderate scale of payment will always be found to satisfy, except perhaps from very great gentlemen indeed, namely: for one or two nights, half-a-crown; from three nights to a week, five shillings; from that to ten days, seven shillings and sixpence; and for a fortnight, half a sovereign. A sovereign will be ample even for six weeks.

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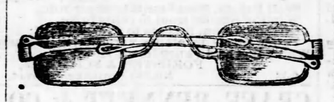

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The Co-Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of SPANG, CHALFANT & CO., was dissolved by limitation on the first of January, 1864. The business of the late firm will be settled by the new firm of SPANG, CHALFANT & CO. CHARLES H. SPANG, JOHN W. CHALFANT, ALEX. M. BYERS, CAMPBELL B. HERRON.
February 4, 1864. fe5:1m

DISSOLUTION. The Firm of CLANEY, MESKIMEN & CO. has been dissolved this day by mutual consent, J. MESKIMEN having withdrawn from the firm.
W. M. CLANEY, CHAS. A. SHAEFFER, J. MESKIMEN.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23, 1863.

In withdrawing from the above firm I cheerfully recommend my late partners to my friends and the public. J. MESKIMEN.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23, 1863.

We have this day associated with us in the Coal Business, HUGH CLANEY, Esq., under the name and style of W. M. & H. CLANEY & CO.
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GEORGE TEORGE will commence his MUSIC SCHOOL, At his rooms, corner of WOOD and FIFTH streets, third story, THIS DAY. Engagements for the GREAT WESTERN BAND will be properly attended to. GEORGE TEORGE, oc19 Leader of Great Western Band

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REMOVED.—On MONDAY the 21st inst. the office of the "EXCELSIOR OMNIBUS CO.," Will be removed to No. 410 PENN street, where calls for Omnibuses or Carriages may be left for all trains going East or West. JAMES DAIN & se12:tf

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Our Washington Dispatches.

We have completed very satisfactory arrangements by which we have secured the services of a corps of competent reporters at Washington, who will transmit daily by telegraph, a detailed account of all matters of interest which may transpire at the capital of the nation. The parties with whom we have arranged to attend to this service are intelligent, competent and reliable, and for many years have been connected with the leading journals of New York. They have ample facilities for obtaining the very freshest and most desirable news. Our dispatches therefore will be found equal in value to those furnished the press either East or West.

More Critical than Correct.

The following paragraphs we find in the *Gazette* of Tuesday morning:

"AN ALARMING THREAT.—The shepherd, David, said to the king of Israel, 'Thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' He went, as he said he would, and slew the giant. The Pittsburgh *Commercial*, of Saturday, made a similar announcement, saying, 'In politics we shall be found doing battle *with* the friends of Progress and Human Freedom.'

We hope 'the friends of Progress and Human Freedom' will come off better than Goliah did."

The use of the preposition *with* in the sense of "on the side of—noting friendship or favor," is in accordance with the very best authority. We will cite from the same source as our neighbor: In Genesis xxvi. we have these words: "Fear not, for I am *with* thee." One of SHAKESPEARE'S characters says: "I will buy *with* you, sell *with* you." In DRYDEN we find, "Nor twist our fortunes *with* your sinking fate." We could furnish the critic of the *Gazette*, with examples, at pleasure, from the best writers of our language, but these will suffice to show that he is more critical than correct. We are glad to know, however, that our neighbor has recently been reading his Bible, but we hope that he will not be one of those who will wrest its sacred teachings "to his own destruction."

COMPENSATED LABOR IN LOUISIANA.—By the steamer Mississippi, from New Orleans on the 4th instant, we learn that General BANKS had issued a long general regulation on the subject of compensated plantation labor, fixing the rate thereof, interdicting flogging and the sale of intoxicating drinks to plantation hands, and stating that the enlistment of soldiers from the plantations will not be resumed without further orders from the Government. Laborers will be permitted to choose their employers, but when the agreements are made they will be held to it for one year. Laborers will be permitted on a limited scale to cultivate land on their own private account. A free-labor bank will be established as a safe deposit for savings. The transportation of negro families to other countries is disapproved.

CINCINNATI SANITARY FAIR.—In Condensing a news item, in relation to the receipts of the Great Sanitary Fair, at Cincinnati, we unintentionally did great injustice to the Queen City of the west. The Treasurer of Hamilton county, Ohio, H. GIFFROY, Esq., furnishes the following corrected statement: The receipts from all sources were $270,000 and there has already been paid over to the Sanitary Commission $220,000. It is a pleasure to record so noble a record of patriotism and benevolence.

DEATH OF HON. JONATHAN ELY.—The Doylestown *Democrat* announces the death of Hon. Jonathan Ely, which occurred at his residence in Solebury township, Bucks county, a few days ago. Mr. Ely represented Bucks county in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg for three years, and was also a member of the State Senate for one term, and was not only a useful but a popular member.

COTTON.—The receipts of this staple commodity are rapidly on the increase. The following parcels had partially arrived at Cincinnati, the remainder being *in transitu* above Cairo: Per Glendale, 500 bales; Commercial, 700; Tycoon, 1,200; Empress, 600; Lady Pike, 412; Prairie Rose, 104; making a total of 3,516 bales.

ANECDOTE OF GENERAL BANKS.—The Springfield (Mass.) *Republican* says:

When the late Marcus Morton was Governor of Massachusetts for the first time, he one day addressed his Council upon his intended appointments, and among other matters he alluded to a petition from a young man who desired the appointment of Messenger to the Governor and Council. The applicant had then just commenced his public career, having spoken at political meetings with excellent effect. The Governor remarked: "I have considered his case and I shall not appoint him, for he is too smart a man and too good a mechanic to fill the position." "What did you say was his name?" asked a councillor, who had not listened very attentively. "His name," replied the Governor, "is Nathaniel P. Banks."

INTERESTING TO RAW HAM EATERS.—The New York *Times* says:

Considerable interest has been elicited within the last few days by the fact that a family, consisting of five persons, residing at No. 45 Elizabeth street, have been accidentally poisoned by eating ham in a raw state. A daughter, aged two years, has died from the effects, and the father, mother and one other member of the family, are now seriously ill. An inquest was held yesterday on the body of deceased, when much medical testimony was given. The conclusion was that the girl came to her death from eating ham, which was filled with insects so minute that they could not be discovered with the naked eye. The ham eaten looked fine, and it was only when a microscope was used that the animalculæ could be seen.

RAFFLES AT FAIRS.—The ladies in charge of the Metropolitan Soldiers' Fair at New York, having decided to allow raffles at the fair, the subject has elicted considerable discussion, and several clergymen who had been identified with the enterprise, publicly announced the withdrawal of their support if raffles are allowed. They take the ground that raffles are a species of gambling, both legally and morally wrong, and that a bad means cannot be justified even by a good end. The matter has been brought before the managers for re-consideration.

THE Rev. James H. Brooks, in a eulogy of the late Gov. Gamble, of Missouri said:

"It is no idle panegyric when I say that, taken all in all, he was the wisest and best man I have ever known. I do not expect to see his like again in this world. He was one of the few men with whom a lifetime of intimacy but produced a growing impression of true greatness, and who enlarged all the time the capacity of your heart to love him."

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 1864.

The Election of Johnson of Arkansas.

Winter Davis made a strong speech against the legitimacy of the government of Arkansas under which Johnson pretends to have been elected a member of Congress. In the course of his remarks Mr. Davis said that the precipitancy of recognition of these State governments might lead to another revolution, superadded to the Southern rebellion, especially if their weight be felt on either side in the Presidential election.

After a spirited debate between Messrs. Davis, Boutwell and others, Mr. Stevens moved its reference to the Committee on Rebellious States. Mr. Schenck moved a resolution instructing the Committee to inquire and report whether any such State as Arkansas exists. The resolution was voted down, and the certificate referred to Committee on Elections.

The House voted to insist on the amendment to the Enrollment Bill, and ask a Committee of Conference.

The Internal Revenue Bill.

The House then resumed the Internal Revenue Bill.

Mr. James C. Allen, of Illinois, made a lengthy speech in favor of the Senate amendments, during which he insinuated that Fernando Wood had private griefs to avenge by his amendment.

Mr. Stevens closed the debate on the bill, and the House proceeded to vote on the Senate amendments.

The third amendment, fixing the sliding scale at fifty, sixty, seventy and eighty cents tax on whisky was voted down. Ayes 41; noes 105.

The fourth amendment, striking out twenty cents additional on rectified and adulterated spirits, was adopted. Ayes 65; noes 54.

The fifth amendment, striking out the tax on the stock on hand, was adopted. Ayes 77; noes 73—as follows:

AYES—James C. Allen, Ancona, Bailey, Blair, Missouri; Blow, Broomall, Cobb, Cofforth, Cole, Cox, Cravens, Davis, New York; Dawson, Dennison, Edgerton, English, Kenton, Finck, Frank, Grider, Gainword, Harding, Harris, Illinois; Higby, Holman, Hooper, Hutchins, Johnson, Ohio; Kelly, King, Knapp, Law, Lazear, Leblond, Long, Marcy, Mallory, Marvin, McCallister, McBride, McDowell, McIndoe, McKinney, Middleton, Miller, Pennsylvania; Morris, Ohio; Leonard, Myers, Nelson, Noble, O'Neill, Pennsylvania; O'Neill, Ohio; Orth, Patterson, Pendleton, Perry, Pomeroy, Randall, Pennsylvania; Rice, Massachusetts; Robinson, Schenck, Scott, Shannon, Smith, Smithers, Stevens, Stiles, Strouse, Stuart, Thayer, Van Valkenburg, Voorhees, Whaley, Wheeler, Chilton A. White, Jos. W. White, Wilder, Winfield.

NOES—Messrs. J. Allen, Alley, Allison, Anderson, Arnold, Baldwin, of Michigan; Baldwin, of Mass.; Beaman, Blair, of Western Virginia; Boutwell, Boyd, Brandegee, Brown, of Wisconsin; Charles Clay, Cresswell, Dawes, Deming, Dixon, Driggs, Dumont, Eckley, Eden, Eliot, Eldridge, Farnsworth, Ganson, Garfield, Gooch, Grinnell, Hale, Harris, of Maryland; Merrick, Hubbard, of Iowa; Hubbard, Jenckes, Julian, Kellogg, of Michigan; Kellogg, of New York; Kernan, Loan, Longyear, McClurg, Miller, of New York; Moorhead, Morris, of New York; Amos, Myers, Norton, Odell, Perham, Pike, Price, Randall, of Kentucky; Rice, of Maine; Rollins, of New Hampshire; Rollins, Missouri; Ross, Schofield, Spalding, Stebbens, Sweat, Thomas, Tracy, Upson, Wadsworth, Washburne, of Illinois; Washburn, of Massachusetts; Webster, Williams, Wilson, Windom, Fernando Wood.

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois then moved to reconsider the vote by which the third amendment was rejected.

Mr. Holman moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Mr. Holman's motion amid much confusion was declared lost.

Pending Mr. Washburne's motion the House adjourned.

The Manner in which the Prisoners Escaped from Libby Prison.

Capt. Wallock, of the Fifty First Indiana Volunteers, Col. Straight's regiment, arrived here from Libby Prison, says the escaped prisoners commenced digging out on New Year's night. They took turns in digging, each man taking a small sack into the excavation, filling it with dirt and passing it under his body to others who emptied and returned it. The passage was fifty feet long and wide enough for a man's body. This was effected last Tuesday night, during which 115 officers passed out. Colonel Straight being somewhat too large for passage, stuck fast, and had to be pulled through with a rope. On the outside the prisoners divided in squads of two, three and four. While in Richmond they made no effort at concealment, but mingled with the crowd, making the usual amount of noise, and being dressed in citizens clothes escaped observation. Outside of the city they traveled by night, and subsisted on scraps of corn bread saved from prison rations. Col. Straight is expected here to-night.

Change of Department.

In the orders of the War Department yesterday, Alton, Illinois, is transferred to the Department of Missouri.

Gen. Grant and the Presidency.

Gen. Grant in his reply to overtures from certain Democratic politicians, to which allusion was made last night, expressed his surprise that these gentlemen should suppose for a moment that he could be used as a Presidential candidate.

Interesting Developments Expected.

The Alexandria Quartermasters, Stoddard and Ferguson, arrested some time ago for various frauds, including purchases of mixed grain, have made confessions more than sufficient to justify the action of the Secretary of War in placing them in the Old Capitol prison. The chief interest attaching to the coming trial relates to their superior officers, Brig.-Gen. Ingalls and Quartermaster-General Meigs, both of whom were cognizant of the mixed grain purchases several months before arrests were made.

Conference Committee.

The Conference Committee on the Enrollment bill, appointed to-day, consists, on the part of the Senate, of Wilson, Grimes and Nesmith; and, on the part of the House, of Messrs. Schenck, Deming and Kernan. They hold their first meeting at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Proposed Amendment of the Constitution.

It is understood that the President considers the proposed amendment of the Constitution so as to prohibit slavery throughout the United States, as a fitting consummation of the great work begun by the Proclamation of freedom.

Senator Hale's Successor.

The New Hampshire politicians feel perfectly certain that the Union party will carry the Legislature next month, and thus secure the election of a loyal man as successor to John P. Hale, whose term expires next year. The result of the gubernatorial contest is considered more doubtful.

Extension of the Congressional Library.

The Committee of Ways and Means agreed this morning to report in favor of an extension of the Congressional library, so as to accommodate books which have overflowed the shelves and even the floor. The appropriation is one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

General Slough, Military Governor of Alexandria, was examined to-day before the Committee on the Conduct of the War, touching certain charges against his administration. In consequence of his absence the Hammond Court Martial did not sit to-day.

Important Decision.

The Commissioner General of the Land Office decides that no person can avail himself at the same time of the pre-emption and homestead laws, since he cannot be be an actual bona fide settler under both, as is requisite. Those who have already had the full benefit of the pre-emption law are not precluded from taking advantage of the Homestead Law.

Dangerously Ill.

Senator Hicks is lying dangerously ill at his residence here. His physicians dispair of his recovery. V.

PHILADELPHIA.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial:

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.

Important Order.

General Butler has ordered that all estates in this Department, abandoned or now occupied by rebels shall be turned over by military commanders to be taken possession of by the superintendent of negro affairs or treasury agents.

The Weather.

The weather to-night is severely cold and windy. No news. H.

The Mississippi Valley Fair—Victory Over Indians.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—The preliminary circular setting forth the objects and purposes of the Mississippi Valley Fair, which will be held at St. Louis, commencing on the 17th of May, appears in our papers this morning. The Executive Committee urgently request the papers throughout the country to give it an extensive circulation, and invite an attentive perusal by the people of all sections.

A Leavenworth dispatch says advices from New Mexico, dated January 18, state that Col. Kit Carson pursued the Navajo Indians through Canon de Chelle, killing 23, and taking 150 prisoners. The expedition was very successful.

Governor Godwin, of Arizonia, organised the government of that territory on the 29th of December.

General Blunt is preparing to leave for Fort Smith.

The *Democrat's* Fort Smith special correspondent says: The coming State election will be held in about thirty-six counties. There will be no opposition to Judge Murphy. Arkansas will be represented at the Louisville Freedom Convention.

Capt. Dunham, of Gen. Banks' staff, had arrived at Little Rock with important dispatches relating to future co-operation for putting down the rebellion in the Trans-Mississippi Department.

An immense commissary train arrived from Little Rock yesterday.

A Memphis dispatch of the 12th says that General Smith's cavalry expedition camped, last night, at Holly Springs. It is probable he will next be heard from through rebel sources.

The weather turned very cold here last night, the mercury sinking from 40 degrees, in the evening, to 4 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock.

The Missouri Legislature adjourned, *sine die*, this morning.

Important from Vicksburg.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—A private letter from Vicksburg on the 8th, from an eye-witness, says: McPherson's Corps crossed Big Black river fifteen miles east of Vicksburg on the 7th. Hurlbut's Corps took a parallel route from Vicksburg, and crossed at Messenger's Ford, five miles above McPherson's pontoons. Each column was fourteen miles long. The force sent up the Yazoo was to prevent a flank movement to cut off our trains. The iron-clads will try to reach Granada, to co-operate with Smith's cavalry, and drive Forrest's rebel command towards Canton, where Bishop Polk's conscripts are. Jackson is said to be fortified with cotton bales. This letter establishes the falsity of the specials from Nashville to New York, stating that Gen. Sherman had entered Jackson on the 5th inst.

En Route for Home.

CAIRO, Feb. 16.—The 13th Wisconsin infantry veteran volunteers, four hundred strong, arrived from Nashville, en route for home.

The municipal election held here yesterday resulted in the election of the citizen's ticket.

Four hundred new recruits from Iowa will arrive to-day for the South.

Rhode Island's Quota Filled.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 16.—Governor Smith to-day officially informed the General Assembly that the quota of the State, under every call of the President, is full.

Arrival of Union Officers at Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, February 16.—Twenty-six Union officers arrived this forenoon, having escaped from Libby prison on the 10th inst.

Heavy Robbery.

NEW YORK, February 16.—A clerk of Messrs. Sturges, Bennet & Co. was robbed to-day of a bag containing $5,000 in gold. The robbery took place in the custom house.

Captain Todd.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Capt. Todd, Provost Marshal of Washington, is at his office this morning, but is still under arrest.

HARRISBURG.

Special Correspondence of Commercial.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 15, 1864.

House of Representatives.

The House met at 7:30, p. m., Mr. Smith, of Chester, Speaker *pro tem*, in the chair, when the Clerk read the journal of Friday.

Petitions being in order, Mr. Bigham presented one, asking that the pay of supervisors of roads in Allegheny County, be increased from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day. Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Senate met and adjourned without transacting any business.

The celebrated investigating or smelling committee held its last meeting on Saturday, the 13th inst., in Philadelphia. The session was held there for the purpose of *ferreting* out the author of the libelous articles which appeared in the Philadelphia *Bulletin*. Mr. J. Robiey Dunglinson, son of Professor Dunglinson, who is connected with that paper, stated to the committee, that, happening to be in the House of Representatives about the time of the debate to which the communication was referred, he took notes, and on his return to Philadelphia wrote the letter in question. He also stated that he had never occupied a place on the floor of the House, either as reporter or letter writer. The committee, after ascertaining who the author was, found itself, to some extent, in the position of the man who won the elephant at the raffle. He had the animal, but what to do with it, was what disturbed his equanimity. The smellers will meet at the Monongahela House, in Pittsburgh, on Saturday morning next, at 10 o'clock, when you will see what you will see. O.

PHILADELPHIA.

Affairs of the Day—Military Matters With Us—Naval Proceedings—League Island—Fire, etc.

Special Correspondence of Commercial.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15, 1864.

As the evening approaches, there is every probability of a storm before morning. Whether rain or snow, is yet doubtful. As the weather has somewhat moderated since noon, probably it will be rain, which, if it comes in copious quantities, will relieve us of much of the filth now accumulated in our cleanest streets.

The most interesting features to be found in our city at present are those in connection with the military movements of various kinds. Some of the regiments which have been recruiting here for about thirty days past are now preparing to return to the front, while one or two have already gone, well equipped. Various refreshment saloons once more begin to do a thriving business, feeding the veterans who are going to and fro, and recollections of former days are agreeably revived among them. The 31st Pa. Volunteers (Col. Gregory) leave here to-morrow for Chester, whence they will soon depart for active service.

We still keep up our bounty fund meetings, and if the Washington authorities will be somewhat lenient with us, as regards a few days' time after the 10th of March, there will be scarcely any need of a draft in this locality. The City Treasurer has been very active in raising money for the bounty fund, he having paid out two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for that object during the past week.

The actual quota of the city under both calls of the President has not been definitely ascertained, but the estimate generally agreed upon reaches the figure of 18,038, and with a deduction of 5,187 allowed, the number of men to be raised would be 7,851, who can doubtless be obtained by a continuance of the present exertions of our Councilmen, Ward Bounty Committees, City Bounty Commission and like auxiliaries.

The steamer Jupiter formerly a blockade runner, having been overhauled and completely refitted, was tried on Saturday last down the Delaware and made nineteen miles an hour, which is considered to be fast for a vessel of her class. We have had a number of these blockade running crafts at this port and the majority of them, with a trifling expense, have proved to be of great value to us for transports, and indeed two or three are now used as gunboats. The Galena, which was so badly damaged before Fort Darling, has been rebuilt at our navy yard, and is now in good order.

The League Island Navy Yard excitement still keeps up, and, judging from the innendoes thrown out by some of the dailies, there needs be some fear on the part of our citizens that their bright hopes for the great iron clad navy yard will be darkened by the duplicity of one or more Representatives of doubtful integrity. The short and long of this whole matter of committees coming from Washington to visit League Island and Chester may be put into a nut-shell. I would not give a farthing for the personal feelings of any member of the committee which so recently visited us; and I venture to assert that our people will have to consult the matter of dollars and cents with some of them before they will be able to decide between tweedledum and tweedledee.

A large fire occurred, just before dark, in the vicinity of Second and Dock streets, which I understood to be a building in which was stored a large lot of petroleum. In that part of the city much of this inflamable article is stored, and, it will be productive of great loss to the people thereabouts some day.

LUDICROUS.—In Icetown, opposite St. Louis, which is built on the frozen river, during the "cold spell," a barkeeper built a fire in his tent, and sat before it on a three-legged stool warming his shins, when the fire thawed a hole in the ice, and the man fell in and has not re-appeared. His assistant, a verdant Irish boy, was asked where the proprietor was, and replied: "Faith, he's gone into the cellar."

JONES, the Cincinnati sculptor, has just finished a fine bust, draped, of Secretary Chase, which will be at once put in marble by order of the friends of the Secretary in Washington.

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES.—"For coughs, asthma, bronchitis, etc., we cheerfully bear testimony, from personal knowledge, to their efficacy."—*Ballou's Pictorial.*

MARRIED:

BLACK—HAWDON—On Monday evening, Feb. 15th, at the Sixth Presbyterian church, by the Rev. W. Wilson, D. D., Mr. JOHN BLACK, Jr., and Miss FANNIE E. HAWDON, all of this city.

CHASE—MITCHELL—On the 3d of February, 1864, at the residence of Mr. F. J. Busha, by the Rev. J. D. Knox, Mr. C. S. CHASE to Miss SOPHIE MITCHELL, all of Pittsburgh.

DIED:

WHITEHEAD—On Monday night, February 15th, 1864, SARAH, wife of James Whitehead, aged 50 years.

ADAMS—On Monday, February 15th, 1864, THOS. P. ADAMS, in the 46th year of his age.

ELLIOTT—On Sunday evening, at 11 o'clock, JESSIE M., daughter of W. C. and Nellie Elliott, aged 2 years and 6 months.

O'NEIL—On Saturday evening, Feb. 13th, of typhoid fever, at the Mercy Hospital, MICHAEL O'NEIL, in the 25th year of his age.

MT. UNION COLLEGE.—This institution, located at Mt. Union, Stark county, Ohio, offers its extensive educational facilities to students of both sexes.

The Faculty consists of Rev O. N. Hartshorn, LL.D., President; Ira O. Chapman, A. M.; George W. Clarke, A. M.; E. N. Hartshorn, A. B.; Mrs. J. W. Chapman, B. S.; besides competent Teachers in Instrumental Music, Elocution, Commercial Science, Gymnastics, and the German, French and Hebrew Languages.

The College possesses very extensive apparatus and specimens for teaching Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Botany, Physiology, Mineralogy, Geology, Astronomy, Surveying, Engineering, &c.

The new College Edifice, which is 116 feet long by 66 feet wide, and four stories high, and unsurpassed by any College Edifice in Ohio, completed for use next term, which begins on the 8th of MARCH, 1864. This new building will conveniently accommodate 450 students.

Good board can be had in private families at from $2 to $2,50 per week, and, at about 25c. a week, good rooms, furnished with bed, stove and furniture, are rented to students who board themselves, or who desire to hire table board in private families, at about $1,50 per week.

The Tuition in the Teachers', Scientific, and Classical courses ranges from $5 to $6 per quarter.

Those preparing to teach, can have without extra charge, the advantage of daily Drills in the Normal Department. The sessions begin on about the SECOND TUESDAY of August, November and March of each year. Mt. Union is a quiet, healthy and moral village a mile and a half south of Alliance, the junction of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad with the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railway.

Send to the President for a Catalogue.

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MATTHIESSEN & HEGELER,
LASALLE, ILLINOIS,
SMELTERS OF
SLAB ZINC, OR SPELTER,
FROM
WISCONSIN ZINC ORES.
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THE HERON WORKS,
Nos. 37, 39, 40, 41 and 42 Penn street.
FOSTER & CO.,
Machinists, Iron Founders, and River and Stationary Engine Builders.
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AN ASSORTMENT
Of the latest novelties
IN
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AT
ALEXANDER BATES,
21 Fifth street.
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TABLE LINENS;
NAPKINS;
TOWELS;
CRASH;
DIAPERS;
WHITE COUNTER PAINS;
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IRISH LINENS;
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Just received at
J. M. BURCHFIELD'S,
N. E. corner Fourth and Market streets.
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GARDNER & SCHLEITER,
92
MARKET STREET,
sell
BLACK SILKS at 87½ to $1 per yard;
DRESS GOODS, new, at 31 to 37½ cts.;
HOOP SKIRTS, half price;
BALMORALS, largest size, $2,75;
RUSSIA CRASH, 12½c. per yard;
PANT STUFFS, cheap;
CLOAKS and SHAWLS, at prices never before heard of in this city;
BEST KID GLOVES, $1,25.
fe11

JONES'
DYEING & SCOURING
ESTABLISHMENT.
(Goods returned in two weeks.)
39
OHIO STREET,
fe8:1w ALLEGHENY CITY.

WHOLESALE DRY GOODS.
THE FIRM, which is composed of DAVID GREGG, JOHN RICHARDSON and JAMES RAFFERTY, continue the
WHOLESALE DRY GOODS BUSINESS,
At No. 99 Wood street,
PITTSBURGH, PA.
And have on hands a large and well selected stock, purchased before the recent advance, which they offer to the trade at a small advance over manufacturers' prices.
fe10:1w D. GREGG & CO.

FIVE OIL BARGES, (bulk,) in good condition.
Five OIL TANKS, near Kirk's oil yard, Allegheny river. For sale by
J. S. DILWORTH & CO.,
fe2 130 Second street.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.—The Rev. E. A. Wilson's Remedy for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung Affections, together with a pamphlet giving the prescription and a short history of his case, can be obtained of
JOSEPH FLEMING, Druggist,
Corner of the Diamond and Market streets.
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JAMES IRWIN,
Manufacturer of
OIL OF VITRIOL AND AQUA AMMONIA.
Orders left at John Caldwell and Co.'s office, corner of Market and First street, will receive prompt attention.
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CHAMPAGNE BRANDY.—200 cases imported in store and for sale low by
MILLER & RICKETSON.
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MACKEREL—Large and medium, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, for sale by
MILLER & RICKETSON.
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PITTSBURGH STEEL WORKS,
JONES, BOYD & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
CAST STEEL.
ALSO,
Spring, Plow and A, B, Steel, Springs and Axles.
Corner of ROSS and FIRST streets. fe13:1y

WALL PAPER;
WINDOW SHADES;
OIL CLOTHS, and
FANCY GOODS.
Wall Papers, from 8cents to $3 per roll;;
Window Shades from 10 cents to $5;
Oil Cloths from 70 cents to $1,50 per yard;
Fancy Goods in all its varieties, at the new Wall Paper and Fancy Goods House of
FOERSTER & SCHWARZ,
No. 164 Smithfield street.
fe13

GRAFF, BENNETT & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
IRON AND NAILS.
WAREHOUSE:
No. 97 Water St., below Wood,
fe12:1y PITTSBURGH, PA.

U. S. RECRUITING AGENCY,
No. 55 Federal street,
ALLEGHENY CITY.
The highest local BOUNTIES paid in cash. Recruits can select any Regiment or Battery.
fe10:tf T. M. BAYNE, Recruiting Agent.

STOCKS AND BONDS FOR SALE.—Allegheny Valley, Connellsville Railroad, Eureka Insurance Company, and Allegheny Bank *stocks*, and Allegheny county and Pittsburgh *bonds* for sale.
S. S. BRYAN,
fe10 59 Fourth street, (Burke's Building.)

PHYSICAL CULTURE.—Grateful for the kind attention and patronage this far received from the people of Pittsburgh and vicinity, the Misses HASKELL would respectfully announce that new members will be admitted February 16th and 19th, Tuesday and Friday afternoons and evenings, at 3 and 7½ o'clock, repectively.
Terms in advance. Ladies and Gentlemen, course of 20 lessons, $6; Children $4. fe10:2w

NEW GOODS.
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SILKS! SILKS! SILKS!
BLACK SILKS,
All grades and wedths, from 87½ to $6 per yard.
PLAIN,
self-colored, from $1,25 to $4 per yard.
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real Lyons, 4-4 wide, all silk, only $12 per yard.
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all kinds, for 18¾c. to $2,50 per yard.
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all kinds, cheap.
Gents' and Boys' Wear,
all kinds and prices.
AT
BARKER & CO.'S,
59
MARKET STREET.
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PROPOSALS FOR CAVALRY HORSES.
CAVALRY BUREAU,
OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
Washington, D. C., Feb. 9, 1864.
Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock m., FRIDAY, February 19th, 1864, for THREE THOUSAND (3,000) CAVALRY HORSES, to be delivered in Washington, (Giesboro' Depot,) within forty (40) days from date of contract.
Also, sealed proposals will be received at this office, up to 12 o'clock, m., MONDAY, (22d) twenty-second of February, 1864, for TWELVE HUNDRED (1,200) CAVALRY HORSES, to be delivered at St. Charles, Kane county, Illinois, within thirty (30) days from date of contract.
Said horses to be sound in all particulars, not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) years old; from 15 to 16 hands high; full fleshed, compactly built, bridle wise, and of size sufficient for cavalry purposes.
These specifications will be strictly adhered to, and rigidly enforced in every particular.
No bid will be entertained unless accompanied by a guarantee for its faithful performance.
Form of bid and guaranty can be had on application to Captain A. Potter, A. Q. M., at Chicago, Ill., or at this office.
Successful bidders will be required to enter into written contracts, with good and sufficient security, within four (4) days from date of acceptance of bids.
The oath of allegiance must accompany each bid.
The undersigned reserves the right to reject all bids deemed unreasonable.
No bid will be entertained for less than fifty horses.
Payment will be made on completion of contract, or as soon thereafter as funds may be received.
Proposals must be endorsed "Proposals for Cavalry Horses," and addressed to Captain JAS. A. EKIN, Chief Quartermaster, Cavalry Bureau, Washington, D. C.
Any further information will be promptly given on application to
JAMES A. EKIN,
Chief Quartermaster Cavalry Bureau.
feb13:11d

COTTON STOCKINGS,
Left over from last season, and of superior quality, will be offered for the next two weeks at REAL BARGAINS, by the single pair or dozen.
Wool Hoods, Sontags, Wool Hosiery,
and all other Winter Goods, will be closed out at less than cost.
HOOP SKIRTS,
A large lot, slightly soiled, at less than half price.
LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS,
Old stock selling much less than new goods can be sold.
Lace Setts, Point Collars, Linen Collars, Cambric Trimming, Hamburg Ruffing, Veils, Baby Caps and Waists, Shawl Borders, Balmoral Skirts, Corsets, Belts, Velvet Ribbons, new Gimpure, Laces and Bead Gimp, &c. &c.
Wholesale Rooms up Stairs.
JOS. HORNE & CO.,
fe10 77 and 79 Market street.

$150 BOUNTY.—THE FOURTH WARD, Allegheny City, is prepared to pay a BOUNTY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS, (in addition to the Government Bounty,) to Volunteers sufficient to fill its quota under the call of the President.
Application for the Bounty will be made to J. C. McPherson, Esq., Treasurer of the fund, at the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank, Allegheny city, (accompanied by a certificate from any Provost Marshal, or recruiting officer, that they have enlisted, the recruit designated to be credited to the Fourth Ward, Allegheny city,) being the Fourth sub-district of the 22d District of Pennsylvania.
THOMAS M. HOWE,
Pres't Board of Bounty Fund Board, of 4th Ward, Allegheny city.
fe6

CHAMPAGNE.—50 cases and 50 baskets Green Seal and Heidsick Champagne. In store and for sale by
MILLER & RICKETSON.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

FRANCIS TORRANCE, NOTARY PUBLIC and COMMISSIONER for the States of Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri and Massachusetts, appointed and commissioned by the several Governors thereof to take Depositions, Acknowledgments of Deeds, &c., to be used or recorded therein.
Office: No. 189 PENN street, Pittsburgh, Pa.
fe12:6m

PITTS'GH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO R. W. CO., OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Pittsburgh, Pa., February 12, 1864.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stock and Bondholders of this Company, for the election of DIRECTORS, and such other business as may come before it, will be held at the Office of said Company, in the City of Pittsburgh, on the THIRD WEDNESDAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1864, at 10 a. m.
The Stock and Bond Transfer Books of the Company, at their Office, in the City of Pittsburgh, and at the Transfer Agency in the City of New York, will be closed on the 1st day of March, at 3 o'clock p. m., and remain closed until the 17th day of March thereafter.
W. H. BARNES,
fe12:td Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—A meeting of the Stockholders of the "FIRE STEEL MINING COMPANY," will be held at the office of HANNA, HART & CO., in the city of Pittsburgh, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of March, 1864, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the election of a BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Also, to take into consideration the transfer of the business of the office of the Company, sale of the property, and any other questions that may be offered for their consideration.
By order. M. J. CAUGHEY,
fe9:td Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the Stockholders of the ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, on WASHINGTON street, Pittsburgh, on TUESDAY, February 23d, at 11 o'clock, for the reception of the Annual Report, the election of Managers, and the transaction of such other business as may be presented. By order.
fe6:td R. C. ORR, Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH BRIDGE CO., January 19, 1864.
BOOKS FOR RECEIVING SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Capital Stock of the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE CO., are now open at the office of WM. K. NIMICK, Treasurer, 95 WATER street, Pittsburgh, where parties desirous of investing will please call. By order.
ja20 THOS. STEEL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH BRIDGE CO., January 18, 1864.
THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE Capital Stock of the Pittsburgh Bridge Company, are hereby notified to pay to Wm. K. Nimick, Treasurer, at the office of Nimick & Co., 95 Water street, Pittsburgh, an instalment of FIVE DOLLARS, on each share subscribed, on or before the first day of March, 1864.
By order. THOMAS STEEL,
ja20 Secretary.

CANDIDATES.

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—GEO. R. RIDDLE will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Convention.
fe11:d&wtc

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—J. M. McELROY, of Turtle Creek, Patton township, will be a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention.
fe9:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—JACOB H. WALTER, of the Sixth Ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention.
fe3:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—GEO. FINLEY will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Republican County Convention.
ja29:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—THOS. STEEL will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention.
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CORONER.—JOHN McCLUNG, of the First Ward, Allegheny, will be a candidate for Coroner of Allegheny County, subject to the decision of the ensuing County Union Convention.
ja21:tc

FOR SALE OR RENT.

TO LET.—The large ROOM with FIRE PROOF VAULT in second story, over our store, at present occupied by A. Frowenfeld & Brother.
WM. E. SCHMERTZ & CO.,
fe13:1w 31 FIFTH street.

FOR RENT.—That large ROOM, at present occupied by the Board of Trade, (Merchants' Exchange,) Fourth street, next Iron City Bank, from 1st April next, or sooner, if required. Apply to
L. S. JOHNS, Alderman,
fe13 opposite Merchants' Exchange.

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.—

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

Pennsylvania Central.

Departs.		Arrives.	
Thro Acm'n	5:50 a m	Balto Exp's	12:50 p m
Thro Mail	2:50 a m	Philla do	1:20 p m
Thro Exp'ss	4:25 p m	Fast Line	1:30 a m
Fast Line	8:35 p m	Thro Mail	1:00 a m
Joh'n Acm'n	3:00 p m	Joh'n Acm'n	10:05 a m
1st Wall stn	6:30 a m	1st Wall stn	6:15 a m
2d do	11:40 a m	2d do	8:55 a m
3d do	3:50 p m	3d do	1:55 p m
4th do	6:00 p m	4th do	6:05 p m

The Church Train leaves Wall's Station (on Sunday) at **9:05** a m; returns at **12:45** p m.

Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago.

Departs.		Arrives.	
Fast Line	1:15 a m	Chicago Exp	2:20 a m
Express	1:45 p m	Philla. do	2:10 p m
Mail Train	6:30 a m	Cin'ti do	7:50 p m
Allegheny Acm	2:15 p m	Crest'e Mail	7:00 p m

The New Brighton Accommodation leaves Allegheny Station at **9:15** a m, **12:00** m, **4:30** p m and **6:40** p m.

Returning, leaves New Brighton Station at **5:50** a m, **7:00** a m, **12:30** p m, and **2:50** p m.

Pittsburgh and Connellsville.

Departs.		Arrives.	
Mail	7:55 a m	Mail	6:00 p m
Express	3:00 p m	Express	10:00 a m
1st M'Keesp't	11:00 a m	1st M'Keesp't	7:00 p m
2d do	6:15 p m	2d do	2:35 p m
Port Perry	7:00 a m	Port Perry	3:30 p m
Braddock's	4:15 p m	Braddock's	5:40 p m

The Sunday Train to and from M'Keesport eaves at **1:00** p m, and arrives at **10:00** a m.

Allegheny Valley.

Departs.		Arrives.	
Mail	7:00 a m	Mail	7:00 p m
Express	3:00 p m	Express	9:35 a m
Accom'n	4:00 p m	Accom'n	8:10 a m

Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Departs.		Arrives.	
Cin'ti	1:45 a m	Mail	3:50 p. m.
	1:45 p m	Cin. Ex'ss	8:05 p. m.
Whee'g	6:20 a m	Do.	2:10 a. m.
Steubenv'l.	2:00 a m	Steub'v. Ac.	10:00 a. m.
Clev'l'd	1:45 a m		
do	1:45 p m		

☞The Excelsior Omnibus Company have Omnibusses and Carriages in waiting for passengers arriving in trains from both East and West.

Democracy.—The Democracy hold a County Convention this morning at the Court House, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention to be held at Harrisburg.

Escaped.—Among the officers who escaped from Richmond on the night of the 10th inst, was Col. Thos. E. Rose, of the 77th Pennsylvania regiment, and a resident of this city. We trust the Colonel has succeeded in reaching our lines.

Destructive Fire.—About seven o'clock on Monday evening a fire broke out in the extensive cooperage attached to the oil works of Messrs. Lyda and Charporning, on the Allegheny river opposite Sharpsburg, resulting in its total destruction. All of the tools, together with a large amount of stock, were also destroyed. The oil works of the Company fortunately escaped without injury. The origin of the fire was not ascertained.

Pittsburghers Absent.—The following Pittsburghers were registered at Philadelphia hotels on Saturday and Sunday: O. P. Scaife, L. Myers, E. D. Gazzam, T. J. Bigham, H. Lee, J. Speer, W. W. Moorhead, J. A. Crawford, W. R. Howe, Thos. S. Blair, J. L. Fawcett, J. H. Baldwin, A. Lander, W. Stewart, W. McCreery, P. Glass and lady, P. F. Ward, M. Frick, Thos. Henry, Chas. Jones, Miss Thompson, Miss Smith, F. Hartman.

Mount Union College.

We call the attention of our readers to the notice in another column of this flourishing institution, which already has a firm hold upon the confidence and affections of an enterprising people, and is largely attended by students of both sexes, and has first-class facilities of apparatus for all branches of science, an efficient Faculty, cheapness of board and tuition, a new college building not surpassed by any college building in Ohio, and erected under the superintendence of Colonel Porter, an architect of Cleveland—and a good Normal Department of of teachers. Mount Union is a retired, moral and healthy village, near Alliance, Ohio, at the junction of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroads. Next term begins on the second Tuesday of next month. While the rebels have lost sight of all their schools, we congratulate the North for sustaining nobly our schools of every grade.—*Cleveland Herald.*

The Recent Arsenal Catastrophe.

We have received the following report from Mr. M. M. Bosworth, Treasurer of the Committee recently appointed to receive subscriptions for the erection of a monument to the victims of the recent terrible catastrophe at the United States Arsenal, in which so many lost their lives:

LAWRENCEVILLE, PA., Feb. 15, 1864.

To the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Monument:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report that I have received the following amounts as contributions towards erecting a monument to the memory of those who perished by the explosion at the Allegheny Arsenal, viz:

Amount received in March, 1863, from sundry persons	$ 4 50
Amount received from employees in Laboratory at the Arsenal, through Mr. A. McBride	73 95
Amount received from Tedelia Lodge I. O. of O. F.	5 00
Mr. Wm. Brown collected from sundry persons	35 25
P. Magee, Jr	20 00
Allegheny Lodge I. O. of O. F	5 00
Wm. Bishop collected from employees in harness shop at the Arsenal	83 00
Sergeant Thomas Keys collected from enlisted men at the Arsenal	14 00
Mr. James Wilson, collected from employees in the carpenter shop at the Arsenal	19 00
Total amount received	241 70
Subscribed, not yet paid in, as known to the Treasurer	266 00
Aggregate	507 70

Very respectfully,
M. M. BOSWORTH, Treasurer.

Special Meeting of Councils.

City Councils held a special meeting Tuesday evening. Present in Select Councils—Messrs. Brown, Miller, McMillan, Morrow, McClintock, Phillips, Quinn, Thompson, James Reed, David Reed, Young and McAuley, President.

The President read a communication from the Controller, announcing the re-appointment, by the Finance Committee, of J. W. F. White, Esq., as City Solicitor. The report was accepted, and the action of the Committee approved. Action concurred in by Common Council.

Mr. Thompson presented a petition for the grading and paving of Spring alley from Stevenson alley to Washington street. Read and referred to Street Committee. Same action in Common Council.

Mr. Phillips, from the Select Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in reference to the right of way through the city, reported as follows:—

That after a conference with Thomas A. Scott, Wm. J. Howard and John H. Hampton, representing the said Pennsylvania Railroad Company, they have unanimously agreed upon the ordinance herewith reported. It is substantially the same as that granting the right of way to the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company, passed June 1st, 1863. In fact, it is the same ordinance, except a few verbal modifications of no importance, intended only to express the meaning more clearly. It grants the right of way to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, subject to all legal rights of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company under former ordinances. The provision about a free bridge over the Monongahela is qualified so as not to make the Company liable for damages if the Courts should restrain them from keeping it open as a free bridge.

As this ordinance has been agreed upon by the Committee of Councils, and by the said gentlemen representing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as a settlement of the controversy now pending in Court, its adoption by Councils is recommended.

The report was accepted.

The ordinance was then read, with the provision referred to. After some slight amendment, the ordinance, on motion of David Reed, was read a third time and finally passed. Action concurred in by Common Council.

Mr. D. Reed presented a communication from the City Solicitor, relative to claims for grading and paving of Union Alley in 1858. The Solicitor suggested that the matter be referred to the Street Committee with power to act. The communication was accepted, and the matter was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

On motion Select Council adjourned.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, the following members were present: Messrs. Andray, Beck, Coffin, Colville, Davis, Dickson, Fryer, Hays, Jeremy, Jones, Leonard, Mackey, McCandless, McClelland, McGowan, McKeown, O'Halloran, O'Hara, O'Neill, Patterson, Rebmer, White and Steel, President.

Mr. Mackey offered a resolution that the Water Committee be instructed to have the plug at the corner of Fifth and Grant streets removed, and a plug of the improved pattern placed there. Referred to Water Committee.

Mr. McGowan presented a petition from a number of citizens in the Sixth and Seventh Wards, asking for the opening of Wylie street from Crawford to Duncan street. Referred to Street Committee. Same action in Select Council.

Mr. O'Neill presented a communication from C. F. Shultz, asking permission to erect a wooden blacksmith shop on the depot grounds of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company. The petition was accompanied by a petition granting the privilege. The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Wooden Buildings. Same action in Select Council.

Mr. Mackey presented a resolution authorizing the Gas Committee to have erected a gas lamp on Tunnel street, between Wylie and Pennsylvania avenue, and a lamp on Grant street, between Fifth street and Virgin alley. Referred to Committee on Gas Lighting.

Mr. McGowan presented a remonstrance from citizens of Taylor street, relative to the grading and paving of said street. Referred to Street Committee. Concurred in by Select Council.

A resolution authorizing the Committee on City Property to put a new roof on the Niagara Engine House, was referred.

Mr. O'Neill offered a resolution that the Controller be instructed to pay no further money on account of hose contracts, until said hose has first been duly tested and approved by the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose. Read three times and passed. Same action in Select Council.

Anti-Bounty Bond "Mass Meeting"—Property Holders in Convention.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Tax-Payers Convention of the 9th instant, an anonymous call appeared in the city papers, calling a "mass meeting" of those citizens who were opposed to the issue of bonds of the county for the purpose of providing a bounty fund for volunteers. The call was kept before the public for one week, and the managers of the meeting confidently anticipated an overwhelming turn-out of the opponents of the measure proposed and adopted by the constituted delegates of a majority of the tax-payers of the county. But they were sorely disappointed. There was not a "corporal's guard" of the property holders of the county present. At the opening of the meeting there were thirty-three gentlemen within the bar, and at the time of the passage of the resolutions there were fifty, some of whom, however, did not sympathize with the object of the meeting. The proceedings of the meeting would have been tame indeed, as everything was "cut and dry," had it not been for the surprise occasioned by Mr. Joseph Irwin, of the Fifth Ward, who opposed the object of the meeting in well-timed remarks. But we will not anticipate.

At eleven-and-a-half o'clock, half an hour after the time named in the call, Samuel Morrow, Esq., of the Eighth Ward, moved that the meeting be organized by Mr. Abraham Patterson, of Manchester, being called to the chair.

Mr. Patterson begged to be excused, as he was on the other side of the question. [Laughter and applause from without the bar.]

Mr. Morrow then nominated James Trunick, of Temperanceville, who was elected to the position of chairman.

Mr. Morrow explained that the reason why he nominated Mr. Patterson for chairman was he had understood he was opposed to the issue of the bonds.

Mr. Patterson said he was misinformed then. He was in favor of the issue of the bonds and a direct tax to pay them off in one year.

Mr. Morrow moved that the reporters present act as secretaries of the meeting.

Judge Mellon moved an amendment, that David Reed and Robert Arthurs, Esq., in conjunction with the reporters, act as secretaries.

Mr. O'Neill, of the *Chronicle*, stated that he did not sympathize with the object of the meeting, and did not desire to be identified with it, when he was excused.

[In order that we may be placed right, it may be stated that, while we will always take pleasure in reporting proceedings of public meetings, we do not desire to be understood as endorsing or being in favor of such proceedings. So far as we are concerned, and we believe we speak the sentiments of the entire reportorial corps present, we have no sympathy with the object of the meeting of yesterday.]

Mr. David Reed stated that he could not remain, and desired to be excused from acting as Secretary.

The motion of Judge Mellon was adopted.

Mr. Morrow nominated Hon. Thomas Mellon for Vice President, and he took his seat on the bench.

Judge Mellon explained the object of the meeting to be to oppose the further issue of bonds by the county, and the plunging of the county into further indebtedness. Those in favor of the issue of bonds had given expression to their sentiments, and they had now a right to express theirs in opposition.

The Chairman here invited those in favor of the object of the meeting to come inside of the Bar, and make themselves comfortable.

After some dozen or more had seated themselves within the Bar, the Chairman sagely remarked that it would be impossible to proceed unless some one brought business before the meeting.

Mr. Morrow moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare business for the meeting. He hoped to hear the subject of the issue of bonds discussed at length. He was a member of the last convention, and he thought the subject did not receive that consideration which it deserved. He hoped there would be a free interchange of opinion on the subject.

The motion was adopted, when the Chairman asked of how many should the Commitee consist.

Mr. Morrow suggested the number five, which was agreed to.

Mr. Morrow moved that Judge Mellon act as chairman of the Committee, which was agreed to.

The chair then announced the Committee to prepare business as follows: Thomas Mellon, David Reed, C. Magee, N. Ballantine and Jesse Cunningham.

The Committee retired, when the chairman entertained the meeting with a few remarks. He desired to have a free expression on this subject, and that no cowardice be shown. It was the idea of the Convention held last week that the issue of bonds was to be a perfect monster to put down the rebellion. There might be a little cowardice shown by some, but he was present to give his last dollar to put down the rebellion—as far as necessary. He had three sons in the army, whose families he had agreed to take care of, and to impose an additional tax upon him was unjust. He was a great friend of justice.

Following the chairman's remarks, a profound silence was maintained for some five minutes, which was interrupted by Captain Ward moving that D. D. Bruce, Esq., be requested to address the meeting during the absence of the committee, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Bruce, in response, stated that this was the first meeting on the subject he had attended, and in fact he had taken little part whatever in the discussion even in private life. The question was one of dollars and cents, not only to our pockets but to the pockets of the generation to come after. The issue of the railroad bonds had produced a sore place in the pockets of tax-payers, and the issue of the bounty bonds would produce a tenderness in the same spot. It was stated that these bonds were for loyal purposes. Those who opposed the issue of the bounty bonds were called disloyal, when it was known they were among the most loyal. This was not the first draft. Men of family and of business had been drafted, who, while their hearts were in the cause but could not go, paid their commutation money. No bonds had been issued to aid them, and now to tax them again was unjust. If the bonds were issued, the precedent would be a bad one.

Mr. Bruce continued for some time in the above strain, the burthen of his opposition to the issue of these bonds being the injustice that would be entailed on future generations by compelling them to pay them. Mr. Bruce seemed to have lost sight of the fact that if the bonds are issued, they are to be redeemed within three years, so that the succeeding generations will not be troubled with their payment.

The Committee on Business here entered, and through their chairman, Judge Mellon, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That whilst we protest against involving the county in any more bond complications, we would recommend redoubled efforts to raise funds from private sources, but that where this means fails, or other causes operate to prevent a district from filling its quota, other districts should not be taxed for their benefit.

Resolved, That the county, as a corporate body, has nothing whatever to do with filling the quotas of the different districts, and it is to be regretted that the appointed guardians of county interests should allow themselves to be made the instruments of men whose object is to shift the burden from themselves to that of others.

Resolved, That every member of this meeting act as a special committee to procure signatures and forward petitions to the Legislature against the issue of any more county bonds, and in favor of an amendment to the Constitution, taking away the power from municipal corporations of contracting debts for any other than strictly municipal purposes.

Resolved, That a standing committee be appointed by the Chair, to consist of five members, with power to appoint sub-committees in the different districts, and to institute legal proceedings, if necessary, to restrain county officers from issuing certificates, or otherwise acting unlawfully, and to test the constitutionality of any law taxing one county or district and exempting another, or taxing one class of citizens and exempting others, where the object of the tax is neither for government or municipal purposes, and to use all other lawful means to protect the interests of the tax payers of the county.

Resolved, That the occasion demands prompt action, and every man opposed to the bonds, and not intending to be held liable to the tax for their payment, should at once sign a protest or petition, to be forwarded to the Legislature, against the measure, so that we may not be held responsible, as in the Railroad bond cases, on the plea that silence gives consent; and so that in the event of any legislation on the subject, as the principle of excluding certain parties from the tax has been inaugurated by the Convention, all who sign a protest against issuing the bonds may be excluded, and payment of the tax confined to those who are in favor of it.

John Quinn, Esq., moved the adoption of the resolutions as read.

Capt. Ward offered an amendment that they be read and adopted separately, as some of them might not be thought strong enough. The amendment was adopted.

An outsider asked if the whole house could vote on the resolutions.

Mr. Bruce replied that all who came inside the bar could vote.

The chairman announced that all in favor of the resolutions could vote, which created great laughter.

Capt. Ward informed the meeting that it was no fool matter they were about. A majority of those opposed to the issue of the bonds could not afford to say what they thought now-a-days. He had no hesitation in saying that he believed two thirds of the property holders in the county were opposed to the issue of bonds, but they couldn't afford to say so, for fear they would be called "Copperheads" and "sympathisers." The Captain remarked that these were critical times, and stated that it would require $1,200,000 of Allegheny county bonds to raise $800,000, the amount desired, and then the object of their issue would not be accomplished. Capt. Ward was very severe on those citizens who had inaugurated the movement to fill the quota of the county, and furnish men to the Government. The Commissioners had been importuned by a clique; a call had been issued to the tax-payers to meet in convention, and the delegates came packed to it. He belonged to a little corner of the county that had twelve hundred voters. At a meeting to elect delegates in his ward, there were thirty-four people present, and, of course, they elected delegates in favor of the issue of the bonds. But there was not five real estate owners who voted in favor of electing delegates. In the Third ward, he had been informed, the delegate meetings were not held at the usual places. He called for the reading of the resolution.

Judge Mellon again read the resolution, and made a few remarks on the same. He said it was well-known that we should give every dollar, if necessary, to put down the rebellion. There were some, perhaps, who would be unable to give, and it would be the privilege of those who could to contribute liberally. He was opposed to compliments to the county by the issue of any more bonds. He then referred to the insolvency of the county growing out of the railroad bonds, and alluded to the compromise effected with our bondholders. He was opposed to any further mortgaging of the people's property which he thought was not safe in the hands of irresponsible county officers.

Mr. Quinn offered an amendment to the amendment, that the resolutions be adopted as a whole.

The chairman thought the resolution should be to rescind.

Mr. Quinn—An amendment to an amendment is always in order.

Chairman—If you have ears to hear and eyes to see, let's have a full discussion.

Mr. Quinn—If you are going to make a speech come down. [Laughter.]

Mr. Joseph Irwin, of the Fifth Ward, spoke in opposition to the passage of the resolution, and gave the experience of the citizens of the Fifth Ward in raising a bounty fund for volunteers. They received about $5000 in subscriptions altogether, when that method was abandoned. Those who did contribute were, generally speaking, not liable, while those who should give did not. Mr. Irwin made some very patriotic remarks, and refered to the action of the late convention as being the only feasible and equitable one. That convention was the largest and most respectable ever held in Allegheny county, and was not composed of a corporal's guard as was the present meeting.

Mr. Trunick, the chairman, here interrupted the speaker.

Mr. Irwin thought the meeting desired a free discussion of the subject.

Judge Mellow informed Mr. Irwin that the meeting was called for those opposed to the issue of bonds.

Mr. Edmund Wilkins, of Lawrenceville, was opposed to the issue of the bonds. He referred to the action of some gentleman who had subscribed $500 to the bounty fund of Lawrenceville, but who, when called on for the money, refused to give it unless he was guaranteed a county bound. The speaker would give more voluntarily than he would by taxation to pay bonds.

David Reed, Esq., explained his position on the matter. He had come to the meeting as a spectator, and did not intend to participate. But being placed on the committee, and having served, he thought it right to state that he was opposed to the issue of bonds on principle, as he believed it radically wrong.

Mr. Ballantine, of Temperanceville, was likewise opposed to the issue, and asserted that the delegates to the recent taxpayer's convention from his town were self-constituted, as no meeting had been held.

Mr. Hugh McFee, who was outside the Bar, denied the statement, and asserted that when on his way to the School House to the primary meeting, he met Ballantine and asked him to go along, but he refused.

Mr. Patterson again essayed to reply to some of the previous speakers, but in vain.

Judge Mellon remarked that Mr. Irwin was a tax collector, and wanted to be a tax collector still.

Mr. Irwin said the meeting desired a free discussion, but none was permitted.

The resolutions were now adopted as a whole, a few outsiders voting in the negative.

On motion, the Chairman of the Committee was authorized to fill the blank in the resolution.

The Chairman announced that he had some printed petitions, asking the Legislature not to legalize the issue of any more bonds, which he wished those present to read and have signed. The following is the petition:

"*To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:* The undersigned, citizens of Allegheny county, would respectfully remonstrate and protest against legalizing the issue of any more bonds, or increase of the debt of this county, for special objects. And would pray your honorable bodies to consider and recommend such amendment of the Constitution as may effectually protect the rights of property of the citizen in this respect, by confining the power of counties and other municipal corporations, in issuing bonds and contracting debts, strictly to municipal purposes.

On motion of John Quinn, Esq., the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

Meeting of the Coal Exchange.

The members of the Coal Exchange held a meeting on Tuesday afternoon, at the Board of Trade Rooms.

The Committee appointed to confer with a similar Committee of coal miners, relative to the reduction of the price of digging to four cents per bushel, made a verbal report. They had met the Committee of miners, and explained to them the necessity of a reduction. The miners, however, appeared to have met the Committee of the Exchange with the view solely of finding out what was the intention of the Committee, rather than to propose any plan for the adjustment of the matter. They also hinted that if there was a disposition to reduce their wages, they would resist it strenuously.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and the Committee continued.

The Committee appointed to confer with the iron manufacturers reported that they had received assurances from the Iron Association of its cordial co-operation.

The Committee of fourteen appointed to confer with the owners of mines in the neighborhood, and ask them to agree in writing not to pay over four cents per bushel from the 1st of March, and to have them join the Pittsburgh Coal Exchange, carefully reported progress. The pit owners, those who had been called on, would agree not to pay more than the sum named for digging, and they would become members of the Exchange.

All of the above Committees were continued, and will report at next meeting.

Mr. O'Connor presented a remonstrance to the proposal for organizing a "wood-chopping brigade" to supply fuel to steamers in Government employ. Mr. O'Connor's remonstrance contains an argument completely answering that used by the party suggesting the "chopping brigade."

The remonstrance was adopted, and ordered to be forthwith sent forward to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. O'Connor desired to know whether the action of a majority of the Exchange was binding on all the members. He had been told that some members considered they were not so bound. If such was to be the understanding, the Exchange might as well be abandoned at once. He moved, therefore, that the action of a majority of the Exchange would be equally binding on the minority.

The motion was adopted almost unanimously, there being but one dissenting voice.

After the transaction of some other business, particular mention of which we are compelled to omit, the Exchange adjourned to meet on Tuesday afternoon next.

Second Ward Bounty Fund.

The following additional sums have been paid to Thomas Steel, Treasurer of the Second Ward Bounty Fund:

Reuben Miller	$ 50	Geo F Schuchman	20
Harry Shirls	100	J Jamison	40
C Imnsen & Son	50	A & S Wilson	150
M W Hanch	100	J Boyd	10
John Mafferti	55	Geo Thompson	20
Abraham Keller	50	W N Ogden	50
C C Mellor	50	Jas A Harton	100
Morganstern & Bro	100	Thos Gamble	52
Henry Stamm	55	Jas Wilson	25
Jones, Boyd & Co	500	Harman Skiles	25
J P Penney	100	Henry A Weaver	50
John H Hickman	50	Geo Grunnagle	25
Joseph Spencer	25	J F Martin	10
George Porter	25	W C Murray	25
E Winegar	5	W F Murray	25
J A Caughey (non r)	10	C F Porter	50
A Ballon	25	L C Lustenberger	50
M Tindle	25	J Shendlemyer	50
J Hultz Murray	50	J J Sterburg	50
John E Mattern	50	B P Bakewell	100
A J Lee	50	John Bell & Co	50
Samuel Gormley	50	L Hirshfield	50
George Deary	5	W Henderson	50
S Biddle	5	T K Cree	50
J Gaeb	1	Oliver Lemon	50
Charles Caraoli	50	Jno Hochswender	25
		Fred Fisher	30
	$2,856		
Previously reported	5,250		
Total	$8,106		

Fair and Concert.—The Ladies' Charitable Association, connected with the Plymouth Congregational Church, will hold a Fair at Neville Hall, corner of Fourth and Liberty streets, on March 2d and 3d, on both of which evenings concerts will also be given. The proceeds of the Fair and concerts will be devoted to charitable purposes, and we feel assured that the efforts of the Ladies' Association will be aided by liberal pecuniary contributions from our citizens.

Prof. Richards' closing lecture, last evening, before the Young Men's Mercantile Library, notwithstanding the intensity of the cold, was well attended. It was replete with valuable information, and was followed by a series of beautiful experiments illustrative of Electricity. The entire course has been a decided success, and we regret that they cannot be repeated.

At Cost.—Ladies' Furs will now be sold at cost at Fleming's, 139 Wood street, the entire balance of stock on hand, comprising the most fashionable varieties of Ladies' Furs will be offered at cost. This is an excellent opportunity to get the best of goods at very low prices. Also, Misses' and Children's Silk and Felt Hats, with a full and complete stock of Gents' and Boys' Hats, newest styles, at lowest prices.

"Daily Commercial" Job Printing Office.—Orders for every style of Book and Job printing promptly and neatly executed, from a visiting card up to a mammoth poster. The most rapid and improved steam presses are used in the execution of the work.

Bounty Fund.

The following amounts have been paid in to J. C. M'Pherson, Treasurer of the Fourth Ward, (Allegheny city) Bounty Fund:

John H Lotz	$ 40	S M Becker	$ 40
J Loutner	40	C Hetzel (add'l)	30
A Pepert	20	J Dolde	25
R Ramsey	5	Jas Steele	6
T Hays	6	A Gratz	15
G Fisher	40	Nicholas Our	40
C Newmeir	40	Henry Moser	40
C Hacke	40	Geo Urban	40
W Beck (add'l)	20	Jos Ruoff	40
J Mackey do	20	J M Haslett	40
H Lipert	10	Geo Darker	40
H Stratman	40	P Depre	20
Jno Hetzel (add'l)	20	Francis Babilon	30
H Ehler	40	J Yates	25
S Irvin	40	J Hamilton	10
W Fisher	40	J P Reimmund	40
A Ensling (add'l)	20	Wm Singleton	40
Jerry Konen	40	J D Johnson	20
A Q Casselberry	40	W Francis	40
F Miller	40	Am't previ'sly reported	10,892
A Lindsay	40		
M Welsh	40		
Total			$12,180

Public Amusements.

THEATRE.—Miss Helen Western continues to attract large audiences to the theatre. To-night she will appear in eight different characters. See bill.

MASONIC HALL.—The Miltonian Tableaux are still drawing large houses.

Grover & Baker's Sewing Machines, for family and manufacturing purposes, are the best in use.

A. P. CHATTOCK,
General Agent, No. 18 Fifth street.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

New York Stock Market by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16, 1864.

Stocks strong.

Gold	160¼	Cumberland	58¾
5-20s	107	Toledo	147
C & R I	122	Harlem	111
N Y Central	133½	Ill Cent	132¾
Reading	121¾	Erie	115¾
Mich Central	136	Ft. Wayne	92¾
Cleve & Pitts	118¼		

PRODUCT FOR DECEMBER.—The Product of the National Mine for December was as follows:

28 Masses	42,270	lbs.
18 bbls. Kiln	17,974	"
18 " Stamps	17,329	"
	74,573	lbs.—or

57 tons 573 pounds.

PITTSBURGH GENERAL MARKET.

PITTSBURGH DAILY COMMERCIAL,
Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1864.

Business was inactive yesterday. The sudden cold spell put a stop to transactions in a great measure. Our rivers are falling slowly, with over five feet water in the channel. If the present cold spell should continue for a few days boats will hardly venture out. Ice in the Allegheny was forming rapidly. The Monongahela landing is loaded with produce from one end to the other. Since our last issue, the Cricket No. 3, J. R. Gilmore, has arrived with heavy cargoes. Our Railroads are entirely blocked up, having no storeage room left. The Eclipse leaves this morning for Cincinnati. The Citizen left yesterday for Portsmouth with a fair trip. The Golden Era left for Nashville, with a trip of railroad iron. A number of boats were due last evening. Among the sales were the following:

HAY—Buyers were shy and are awaiting lower prices. The receipts at the scales only amounted to thirteen loads, which was dispersed of at prices ranging from $28, $30, $31, to $35 per ton. Baled was unchanged.

FLOUR—The market continues dull and dealers are awaiting for lower figures. The receipts are increasing steadily by the river. Holders, however, do not seem disposed to give way. Many of them decline parting with their stocks unless at fair prices. The principal business doing was in lots from store for local purposes. In that way we note the sales of 350 bbls extra at $6 20@6 40; Extra Family $6 80, $7 and $7 30 per bbl.

BUTTER—The market was very firm, prices tending upward. The stock on hand not being more than sufficient to meet the wants of the city trade. Sales 2,000 bbls fresh roll at 28c, 31@ 34c per lb.

CHEESE—The market continues firm with a good local demand; we note sales of 36 boxes W R at 14@14½c; 25 bxs Goshen at 15c.

WHISKY—The market remains unsettled, dealers being undecided what prices to demand; we note sales of City Rectified at 86@88c.

FISH—The market was firm, with a good demand; prices are unchanged, we omit the rates for the present issue

APPLES—The market was more active; sales of 140 bbls at $2 75@3 00; there is a good supply on hand.

SEEDS—The demand was fair and sales regular. *Timothy*, $6 20@6 40 ₱ bush. *Clover*—Steady but firm at $8 25@8 40 ₱ bush. *Flax Seed*—Sales, 110 bush at $2 75 ₱ bush.

BACON—Was very firm with an increasing demand for home use and for speculation. The stock in first hands is not large, there is, however, a fair amount in the various warehouses that will soon be brought out for sale. *Shoulders*—Sales, 8,000 lbs at 9¾c, some dealers are holding off for 10c. *Sides*—Sales 3,000 lbs at 11½c. *S C Hams*—Sales, 2,000 lbs at 14½c.

DRIED BEEF—The market was very firm. We note sale of 1,500 lbs at 14c.

GRAIN—The demand has fallen off for most articles. Dealers are holding off for lower figures, the sales were extremely light.

PITTSBURGH OIL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL,
February 17, 1864.

The Oil market yesterday was very firm, but sales were quite small—buyers and sellers being apart in their views. A slight advance has been established on all descriptions. The news from the East continues to favor holders, and the present cold spell also favors the same parties. The nominal rates for

Crude—Were 21½@25c, barrels included. We note sales of 400 bbls at 24½c; 200 do at 25c; 100 do at 24¾c; in bulk it was held at 16½@20c.

Refined—Was similar and partook of the same feeling. The same difference of opinion exists. Quotations are nominal, viz: Benzole 38@40c; Free 50@51c.

Oil Imports per Allegheny Valley R. R.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1864.

D L Miller 600 bbls refined, Philadelphia.
T W Watson 100 bbls do do do.
N A Scaife 50 bbls do do do.
Lockhart & Co, 35 bbls crude; to Pittsburgh.

Philadelphia Petroleum Market.

Reported daily for the Commercial by TACK & BROTHER, *Oil Brokers, 132 Walnut street, Philadelphia.*

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16, 1864.

No change to note in the Petroleum market. Bonded 45@45½c; Free 53@54c, as to quality. Crude is scarce and enquired after; low gravity 20@20½c.

HOMESTEAD GAS LIGHT.—The GRIFFIN HOMESTEAD GAS APPARATUS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, organized under the Act of July, 1863, is now prepared to receive orders for Machines for use in business houses, private dwellings, hotels and public buildings.

The apparatus is simple in its construction, easily managed, and not liable to be put out of order without gross carelessness. The gas is in brilliancy entirely equal to coal gas; and as the machine is so constructed as to manufacture it only as fast as it is used, there is no accumulation, and consequently no danger of those terrible explosions to which coal gas is so liable, and in point of expense its cost is, compared with coal gas, a mere fraction.

Our terms are CASH, on delivery at the Factory in this city. Machines calculated to run twenty-five burners, $200; for large ones, special contracts will be made.

Orders may be addressed to FOSTER & CO., Machinists and Engine Builders, corner of Penn and Stanwix streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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PHILADELPHIA AND ERIE RAILROAD.—This great line traverses the Northern and Northwest counties of Pennsylvania to the city of Erie, on Lake Erie.

It has been leased by the PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, and under their auspices is being rapidly opened throughout its entire length.

It is now in use for Passenger and Freight business from Harrisburg to Emporium, (165 miles) in the Eastern Division, and from Sheffield to Erie, (78 miles) on the Western Division.

TIME OF PASSENGER TRAINS AT HARRISBURG.

Leave Northward,

Mail Train ..... 1.45 P. M.
Express Train ..... 3.5 A. M.

Cars run through without change both ways on these trains between Philadelphia and Lock Haven, and between Baltimore and Lock Haven.

Elegant Sleeping Cars on Express Trains both ways between Williamsport and Baltimore, and Williamsport and Philadelphia.

For information respecting Passenger business, apply at the Southeast corner Eleventh and Market streets.

And for Freight business of the Company's Agents:

S. B. KINGSTON, Jr., corner Thirteenth and Market streets, Philadelphia.
J. W. REYNOLDS, Erie.
J. M. DRILL, Agent N. C. R. R., Baltimore.
H. H. HOUSTON,
General Freight Agent, Philadelphia.
LEWIS L. HOUPT,
General Ticket Agent, Philadelphia.
JOS. D. POTTS,
General Manager, Williamsport.

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE.—By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court, of Allegheny county, made in proceedings in partition No. 2, December Term, 1863, in the ESTATE OF GRUBBS' estate, I will expose to public sale, at the COURT HOUSE, in the City of Pittsburgh, on MONDAY, the 29th day of February, 1864, at 10 o'clock, a. m., all that tract of land situate in Pitt township, Allegheny county, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: beginning at a post, thence by land of Mr. Simpson, north 1°, east 158 perches to an old road; thence by land of Robert Read, south 88°, east 54 perches, to a post; thence by lands of John Dodds, south 1°, west 154 perches and 5 links, to a post; thence by lands of John Emerick, south 88°, west 54 perches, to the place of beginning, containing 50 acres, an allowance of six per cent. for roads, &c., on which is erected one log dwelling house and other improvements.

TERMS: one-half cash, and balance in twelve months, with interest.

ARCHIBALD McCORD,
Adm'r. of WYBLE GRUBBS.
February 8, 1864. fe9:3td&w3t

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.

Progress of Enlistments.

Kentucky has enlisted but seven hundred men of her quota, under the call for five hundred thousand. New Hampshire has raised six hundred more than her quota, and Maine is doing almost as well.

Pensions to Soldiers.

The Commissioner of Pensions, in answer to a letter from the Senate Military Committee, states that he considers every soldier in the service of the United States entitled, under the same circumstances, to the same pension, and that he never asks questions as to the color of the applicant.

Politics in Louisiana.

Letters from Louisiana characterize the administration of Gen. Banks in harsh terms, and evince no little anxiety as to the political prospects, the pro-slavery

The Daily Commercial.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Money Market.

The Money market here is working easy. It continues to be well supplied, and the volume of currency is sufficient for ordinary business operations. With reference to the future, however, it is to be said that the prospects point to a larger supply of currency. The Secretary of the Treasury is now paying out freely to creditors, and selling to the public, the interest-bearing legal tender notes. It is assumed by the Treasury Department that these securities will not increase the volume of currency, as they will be held as investments, rather than circulated as money. Banks and bankers, for example, will put their reserves mainly into these notes, and thus over one hundred millions of greenbacks, previously held, necessarily, will be set afloat. The same rule will be adopted by the people, who are in the habit of hoarding money. Thus, it is safe to conclude that fifty per cent. of the new issues will cause an actual addition to the currency. Mr. Chase's object is to ease up the Money market by these issues, and then to open the 10-40 loan, which, under these circumstances, he will be able to place at five per cent. interest.

List of Local Stocks and Securities.

REPORTED BY S. S. BRYAN, BROKER, 59 4TH ST.

	Par	Val.	Last Sales.
Bank of Pittsburgh	$	50	$ 66
Exchange Bank		50	68
Merchants' & Manufac. Bk		50	55¼
Mechanics' Bank		50	62
Allegheny Bank		50	56¾
Citizens' Bank		50	61@61¼
Iron City Bank		50	63¾
Iron City Trust Co		50	54¾
Citizens' Insurance Co		50	60
Western Insurance Co		42	53¾
Eureka Insurance Co		50	43
Mong. Insurance Co		32	33
Pitts. 5 per ct. Coupon Bonds		1,000	730
Allegheny County do. do		1,000	74½
Allegheny Valley R. R		50	10
Pittsburgh & Conns. R. R		50	9¼
Monongahela Nav. Co		50	44
Allegheny Insurance Co		25	20¼
Peoples Insurance Co		25	23¾
Pittsburgh Gas Co		50	84

—Two drafts of acts to enable the State banks to reorganize under the National Banking law have been received at Harrisburg by the Chairman of the Committee on Banks—one prepared in Philadelphia, and which is similar to the Massachusetts statute; the other drawn up by a distinguished Harrisburg banker, and differing from it in some important points. This latter may be presumed to represent the interests of the banks of the interior. It is to be inferred that the two will be blended together in some way, so as to meet the wishes of the city and interior banks alike. In some shape it is tolerably clear that an enabling act will be passed at the present session of the House. The financial aspect of the future is recognized to be such that a number of the ablest bank men are exerting themselves to avoid the inevitable contest between the State and national banks. It is seen that Mr. Chase's banking scheme is not perfect, but it is safe as far as it goes, and it is believed that it can be easily amended.

—The banks of New York, organized under State law, have been seeking relief in their Legislature, from all local taxes, in order that they may be put on an even footing with the National Banks, whose securities, being in Government bonds, are exempted from all taxation. It seems that an antagonism now actively exists between the State and National institutions in that State. A stiff competition may keep both classes in healthy condition, but we believe that the act establishing the National banks might have been so framed as to be inviting to the banks already established under State laws, to come into the National plan, and seriously disturb the capital invested in State securities, as a pledge for their solvency. The Legislature of Kentucky has before it a bill for the establishment of new banks—rather queer, when nearly all the old ones have been seriously considering the propriety of going into liquidation.

—The receiver of the Washington county Bank, Rhode Island, Mr. Wingate Hayes, gives notice to holders of notes that the same must be presented to him, at Providence, with the name of the owner on the back of each bill, on or before the 31st day of March next, in order to entitle the owner to a dividend thereon.

—The Committee on Ways and Means have reported a joint resolution, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell, from time to time, at his discretion, any gold coin in the treasury over and above the amount which, in his opinion, may be required by the government for the payment of interest on the public debt and for other purposes.

—The one year 5 ₰ cents have made their appearance in Wall street, dated February 1. It is understood that the one-year notes are being used freely, and no account made of the interest. They look like a bank note, and are, in fact, little else than ordinary legal tenders, and will at a short time create an easy money market, upon which an issue of 5 ₰ cent bonds can be floated. It is probable that large sales could now be made of absolute twenty-year bonds, at 5 ₰ cent interest, payable in gold. People want a long, certain, low rate, and not a short high rate and an unexpected return of the principal.

—KENNEDY'S *Bank Review* (semi-monthly issue) contains the following list of new counterfeits:

5s on the **Northampton Bank**, Mass., have recently been put in circulation. They are said to be an exact imitation of the genuine, and are so well executed as to have deceived good judges of money.

1s on the **Bank of Poultney**, Vermont. Spurious; vig. female sitting feeding calves—1 on left side on each upper corner.

10s on the **Hingham Bank**, Hingham, Mass. Imitation; vig. Vulcan seated with hammer; large X in centre of note—former erect on the right end.

2s on the **Marine Bank**, Buffalo, New York. Imitation; vig. ships and steamboat—sailor on right end—State die on left end.

20s on the **Bank of Get ysburg**, Penna. Imitation, are now found in circulation. They are signed W. G. McPherson, Cashier. Genuine signed by G. Swope.

5s, on the **Rockingham Bank**, Portsmouth, N. H. Raised from 1s. Vig. Capitol at Washington.

5s, on the **Bank of Fort Edward**, N. Y. Imitation. Vig. two females, eagle, shield, and anchor—on right end, 5, Franklin in oval—left, FIVE, State die, FIVE.

5s on the **Northern Bank**, Providence, R. I. Imitation; very poorly done. Scene in the Arctic regions.

5s on the **Mount Wollaston Bank**, Mass., altered from 1s; vig. interior of shoemaker's shop; portrait of John Quincy Adams on lower left.

3s on the **Bank of Cohoes**, Cohoes, N. Y., altered from 1s; vig. female, bales, houses, etc.; well calculated to deceive.

Boston Cotton Goods Market.

The demand for domestic cottons continues to keep pace with the production, and the most desirable makes are selling rapidly. Prices are firm and still have an upward tendency. Heavy brown sheetings have been selling at 42 @43c, which are extreme figures, mostly at 41½c. Lonsdale Falls C's are sold ahead at 32c, and the M's at 33c. In bleached sheetings and shirtings no change, with a steady demand. Brown drills are firm at 42½c.

The market for cottonades is more active than usual, and the quantity produced is not sufficient to supply the demand. Stripes, ticks and denims are quiet and scarce.

Cocheco prints in good demand; the agents have none on hand in either market; price 25@26c. Pacific Co's prints are sold up to 24½c; granite at 19c; Sprague's at 21c; Americus and Dunnell's at 23c, and Arnold's at 21c. Print cloths are quiet but firm.

Cotton flannels are about closed out, and the demand is over for them, except for special purposes.

De Laines are in demand at 32@32½c, and Glasgow ginghams are held at 27c, with sales.

Cincinnati Provision Market.

There is no falling off in the business in Provisions, and the advancing tendency of the market for Mess Pork and Bulk Meats is maintained. Sales of about 700 bbls city packed mess at $21 50 were made, and of some choice country at $21 00. Those who have it on the market now stand quite firmly for 50c higher, while most of the packers are withholding their stocks. $17 75 was offered for last season's packing, but declined, $18 00 being asked. Two years' old is quotable at $16 75@17 00. Lard meets with fair inquiry at 12½c, but ¼c higher is quite uniformly asked. Count y is inactive at 12½c. Head and gut sold at 11¾c.

Bulk shoulders were largely dealt in at 7¼c to 7¾c for loose in the interior and here, and at 7¾c to 8c for packed. Holders here are asking 7¾c to 8c for loose. Country Hams were taken at 10½c loose and City readily bring 10¾c. Sides are selling largely at 9¼c to 9¾c for light and medium weights. A round lot of 45 lbs averages, we learn, sold at 10c loose. It was also rumored that a lot of heavy clear sold at 11c. A small sale of Bacon Shoulders at 9¾c packed was made. The market was wonderfully steady and firm, exhibiting almost unparalleled inherent strength.

Bids for 200,000 lbs clear bacon sides, 80,000 lbs shoulders, 20,000 lbs hams, have been issued by the Commissary of the Missouri State Militia, to be delivered at Sedalia and Jefferson. The Commissary at Fort Leavenworth has also issued proposals for 1,500,000 clear bacon sides to be received at that point in three deliveries—April, May and June.

Chicago Iron and Nail Market.

Iron—The demand is active and the market is firm at prices without essential change. We quote:

Flat Bar	@ 6¾c
Flat Bar, Charcoal	@ 8½c
Hoop Scroll Iron	8 @ 8½c
Sheet Iron, common	9 @ 9½c
Sheet Iron, Charcoal	@ 9¾c
Norway Bar Rods	12¾@13¾c
Rod steel	12¾@16 c
Round and Square	9¾@10½c
Round and Square, Charcoal	8½@12½c
Cast Steel	25 @28 c
Spring Steel	12 @ 13 c

Nails—Market steady and firm at prices without alteration. We quote:

10 to 60d, ₰ keg, w'house	$6 25
8d, ₰ keg	6 50
6 " "	6 75
5 and 4d, "	7 00
3d, "	7 50
3d, fine head, ₰ keg	8 75
Cut Spikes, ₰ keg	6 50
Clinch, ₰ keg	9 25@9 50

Cincinnati Tobacco Market.

SALES OF LEAF TOBACCO AT BODMAN'S WAREHOUSE.—90 hhds, principally Mason county lugs, and Trash—1 at $8 25, 1 at 9 50, 1 at 10 50, 1 at 11, 1 at 12 25, 2 at 14 25, 2 at 15, 1 at 15 50, 1 at 16, 1 at 17, 1 at 18 50, 1 at 19, 1 at 20 25, 2 at 20 50, 1 at 21, 1 at 21 50, 1 at 23 50, 1 at 24 25, 1 at 25 50, 1 at 26, 1 at 29 25. 15 hhds new Kentucky Trash, Lugs and Leaf: 3 at 4, 2 at 4 25, 1 at 4 50, 1 at 4 75, 1 at 5 25, 2 at 6, 1 at 6 75, 1 at 7, 1 at 7 25, 1 at 8 50, 1 at 12 50, and 40 cases Ohio Sec 1 Leaf, old, ranging from 12 25 to 55.

LOUISVILLE TOBACCO MARKET.—Sales on Saturday were 257 hhds, as follows: 6 at $5, 44 at $7, 58 at $8, 42 at $9, 18 at $10, 20 at $11, 8 at $12, 4 at $13, 9 at $14, 2 at $15, 4 at $16, 6 at $17, 4 at $18, 1 at $19, 2 at $20, 1 at $21, 1 at $22, 2 at $23, 1 at $24, and 1 at $25 ₰ 100 lbs.

New York Hop Market.

Hops are in good demand at from 29@35c, according to quality, and crop of 1862, at 30@33c ₰ lb. The Cooperstown *Freeman's Journal* says: "Of strictly prime Hops there are none left in the country, and few, if any, in the hands of city dealers. Mr. Scott showed us samples of very nice Hops, for which he paid 25 cents; they were a second or third grade. He and other dealers are paying all the way from 12 to 20c for poor to fair quality of Hops. There are a great many very poor Hops, for which there is no present market."

New York Metal Market.

Iron—Of all kinds is scarce and high; indeed, the demand exceeds the supply, notwithstanding the extravagant prices prevalent; sales 3000 tons Gartsherrie and Coltness Scotch Pig at $49 @50, less 3 ₰ cent cash; 300 do No. 1 do, at $48 50 @ $50; 100 do, Glengarnock, to arrive, at $48 50; 4,000 tons English Rails (part to arrive) at $92@93, cash, and 120 tons Old Iron at $38 for Cast, and $56 for wrought, cash. American Pig is quite scarce and very irregular, prices ranging from $46@50 ₰ ton for No. 1.

Lead—Pig is firm and in moderate request; sales of 50 tons Foreign at 6¾c, cash, payable in gold, and 70 tons do, at 10¾@11, cash, in currency.

Zinc—Is in improved demand and the market is firmer; sales of 150 casks at 13½c, cash, now held at 14c.

Tin—Pig has been in fair request on speculative account, with sales of 1,400 Slaba Straits, part, if not all, at 48c; 200 do do, at 48¼c, (now held at 48¾@49c) and 15 tons English at 45¾@46c cash. Banca is dull and nominal at 54@55c. Plates have continued in active demand; sales of 4,500 boxes at $15@15 50 for I. C. Charcoal (now held at $ 6) $18@18 50 for I. X.; 200 do Charcoal Terne at $14 75; 300 do, I. C. Charcoal 14x20 Inch at $10@16 25; 550 do I. C. Coke at $13 50@14 25, and 800 do Coke Terne at $11 25@11 68¾ cash.

New Orleans Market on the 4th.

Sugar and Molasses—The stock is light. The market is quiet but steady, and prices are firm, the better grades being mostly in request. To-day's sales embraced 400 hogheads Sugar, in many lots, at 5@6c for eistern bottoms, 8@9¼c for inferior, 10¾@11¾c for common to good common, 12¾@13c for fair to fully, 13¾@13¾c for prime to choice, 13¾@14c for Yellow Clarified, and 15@15½c for White do, new crop, and 12½c for good fair old crop. Of Molasses, 1,000 barrels sold at 52c for common, 54c for ordinary, 55@57c for good, 58c for prime, 65c for strictly prime, 61c for choice, and 62c for very choice, new crop.

Flour—The stock of superfine is getting considerably reduced, that description being mostly used by the bakers. To-day's sales comprise 250 bbls superfine at $9 25, 500 do at $9 50, 150 good extra at $9 75, and 150 choice extra at $9 87½ per barrel.

Bacon—A small lot of Shoulders sold at 11¾c per ₰. Shoulders and Sides are very scarce and in demand.

Candles—A lot of 50 boxes short weight sold at 24 cents.

Pork—Mess is in demand for plantation use, and commands readily $25 per bbl. The stock is very light.

Oats—The sales of choice St. Louis yesterday, were at $1 32½c per bushel.

Corn—Small lots of Louisiana Yellow are selling at $1 62½@1 65 per bushel.—*Era.*

RIVER MATTERS.

THE fine packet Eclipse, Capt. J. S. Wise, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville. This boat has very superior accommodations, and is in charge of clever and accommodating officers.

THE famous side wheel steamer Muscatine, Capt. J. J. Robinson, leaves on Wednesday for Cincinnati. This boat has splendid accomodation and is in charge of careful and experienced officers. Our old friend Capt. S. Barr, jr., will be found in the office.

HO, FOR ST. LOUIS.—The fine packet Leonidas, Capt. Anawalt, is announced for Cairo and St. Louis. We take pleasure in recommending this boat to our friends.

THE splendid passenger steamer Nevada, Capt. D. E. Brickell, leaves for Cairo and St Louis on this day. This boat has unsurpassed accomodations, and is in chaage of careful and attentive officers. We have often been indebted to Capt. McCosh, who presides in the office, for attentions to this office.

THE steamer Miami, Capt. Bryson leaves for Cincinnati on Wednesday. By the way we perceive that the passengers on her last up trip passed a series of resolutions which we publish complimentry. The officers of this fine boat we happen to be personally acquainted with. Capt. Bryson has charge and Capt. A. Robinson does the honors in the office. The compliment is well merited and dose credit to the persons who got it up. We endorse it entire but don't forget the Miami will leave for Cincinnati as announced.

CAPT. THOS. W. REA and John G. Copelin, Esq., of St. Louis have purchased the splendid new stern-wheel steamer just built by Captain Chas. Stevens and others, and intend her for the Missouri river and Fort Benton packet. The name of the fine boat will be Benton. Any of our friends wishing to make a trip to the upper Missouri, Idaho gold mines and the extreme West cannot be better accommodated than embarking with Capt. Rea, as he is an old Pittsburgher, and we can guarantee the best treatment and safe conduct. Capt. Rea has been in the trade and is a No. 1 steamboatman. The Benton will leave on Tue day next, and will take freight for St. Louis or any point on the Missouri.

HO! FOR THE IDAHO MINES.—Persons desirous of visiting the Idaho gold mines, on the Missouri river, have an excellent opportunity of doing so, as Capt. Thos. W. Rea, an experienced and competent river man, has taken charge of the new steamer Benton, and intends leaving this port on Tuesday next for Cairo St. Louis, direct. The Captain's experience on the Missouri river will be of great advantage to persons going that way. The first clerk is our friend Eakin, an officer well and favorably known; one that stands at the head of his profession. We congratulate Capt. Rea on the purchase of so fine a boat; may his success be equal to his most sanguine expectations. We wish him the largest success.

CINCINNATI.

The river has receded fifteen inches during the forty-eight hours ending last night, with thirteen feet hence to Louisville, seven feet in the canal, and five feet in the Indiana chute over the Falls. The Lower Ohio is in fine navigable order, and falling. There is four feet and falling in the Cumberland. There is four feet and falling in the Kanawha. The Kentucky River is in a fair boating stage.

The Lady Pike brought 42 bales of cotton, The Joseph Pierce, for Pittsburgh; Bostona No. 2, and Liberty No. 4, for Marietta; Ingomar, for Kanawha River; Norman, for Nashville, and Diadem and St. Cloud, for Memphis, comprise the departures.

The Norman is laden with Government freight and troops. Commercial, 625 bales of cotton. The latter will arrive to day. The Glendale passed the Commercial at Paducah.

Captain D. M. Dryden, Falls Pilot, telegraphs there were only five feet in the steamboat pass over the falls last night.

Captain T. C. Sweeney telegraphs that the Havana arrived at Nashville on last Friday night, loaded with Government corn from Evansville, and that she left last night for Pittsburgh. He only reports four feet water at Harpeth Shoals, and falling.

The Armenia, which left for Pittsburgh Friday night, broke a wrist a short distance above this city, and was compelled to return for repairs. She left again on Sunday night.

ST. LOUIS.

Capt. Perkin's side-wheeler is nearing completion, and has a fine appearance. She is to be, or should be, called the "Yankee Girl."

Wm. Shanks went down on the Omaha as clerk. Rolla Porter, her former clerk, will, in the meantime, await the completion of his new and fine steamer at Cincinnati.

Mr. Paul Laning has announced the selling of iron, and returns as engineer to the river.

The following boats leave to day: Jno. J. Roe, for New Orleans; Belle Memphis, for Memphis; Spread Eagle and Fannie Ogden, for the Missouri; Warsaw, for Keokuk; Westmoreland, for Pittsburgh; Sweeney, Prairie State and Bruner, for the Illinois; and Forsyth, for Memphis. The Aurora and Argonaut are loading for the Ohio, and Orient and Olive for Nashville.

Why don't the Board of Underwriters here present a flag to some new boat? Those at Cincinnati have done so for the Mississippi, and those at Pittsburgh to the Lake trade.

Duncan S. Carter's interest or one-half in the steamer Planet was insured for $12,000, as follows: Globe, United States and Security, of New York, equal portions each. The other owners had their interests insured for about $18,000—the Atlantic $4,000, Republic $4,000, and Phenix $5,000. Rosenfeldt's eighth was insured for $1,500.

The Argonaut left for Pittsburgh yesterday, Die Vernon for Keokuk, Rogers for Naples.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

Louisville.

PER JAS. R. GILMORE—Clarke & Co, 164 hhds tobacco, 480 tes lard, 14 bbls rumps, 21 do soles, 150 do flour, 27 do hams, 4 tcs do, 15 bags cotton, 12 bgs feathers, 500 sks wheat, 70 csks meat, 50 bxs do; I Dickey & Co, 1031 dry hides; Singer, Nimick & Co, 14 plow shares; John A Caughey, 3 lines, 3 skiffs; Jas Graham, 3 tool chests; Robinson, Minis & Miller, 2 lines, 3 skiffs, 3 chests, 100 hoes; Geo B Jones, 1 spindle; W & D Rhodes, 10 hhds tobacco, 1 box do; Weyman & Son, 2 do do, 1 do do.

Portsmouth.

PER CITIZEN—Mair & Davidson, 7 bdls skins; R Miller, 1 box; Spencer & McKay, 30 empty bls; B A Fahnestock & Co, 74 empty bbls; R G Loomis 90 tons metal; McKee & Bro, 1 box; Knox & McKee, 130 sks middlings, 335 bags bran; Clarke, 100 bbls whisky, 37 bdls leather; J Gardner, 30 bbls flour; W Bagaley 78 empty bbls; Potter & Aiken 11 pkgs; McMullen, 250 bbls flour; Beck & Co, 22 sks rags; Edgerton & Stewart, 100 empty bbls; R T Kennedy & Bro, 7 pieces castings.

Cincinnati.

Per Cricket No. 3—Clarke & Co, 519 sks wheat, 500 bbls flour, 20 bxs bacon; R F Kennedy, 1,408 sks wheat, 32 bbls liquor, 242 dried hides; Markle, 165 sks rags, 5 bales rope; J B Caulfield & Co, 270 pigs lead; 1 Dickey & Co, 16 bdls willow; Chess, Smythe & Co, 2 bxs; B A Fahnestock & Co, 4 bxs; J Fleming, 5 bxs indse; I J House & Co, 3 pkgs; T B Jones, 9 do.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago R. R.—Lindsay & Telford, 1 car load stores; Hitchcock, McCreery & Co, 1 car load car corn; Crawford & Co, 1 car load pig iron; Chas B Leech, 100 bbls flour; Alexander & Long, 100 bbls flour; McKeown & Co, 100 bbls flour; J S Hutchison, 86 bales hay; A Holstein, 21 dry hides, L F Voigt 1 bbl apples; F Horner, 1 bx household goods; Capt Sheppard, 6 bbls flour; McKeown & Co, 100 bbls flour; M'connolly, 100 bbls flour; McKeown & Co, 400 bbls flour; A Holstein, 34 green hides; W W McCleary, 13 tcs hams; Telford, 100 bbls flour; S Bryant & Co, 1 car metal; J Moorhead, 2 cars metal.

Imports of Iron per Allegheny Valley R. R.—Martin, Brickle & Co, 1 car iron; Lockhart & Frew, 31 bdls iron.

MARINE AFFAIRS.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

Movements of European Steamers.

Mails are forwarded by every steamer in the regular lines. The steamers for or from Liverpool call at Queenstown, except the Canadian line, which call at Londonderry. The steamers for or from the Continent, call at Southampton.

FROM EUROPE.

Name.	Date.	From	For
Asia	Jan. 23	Liverpool	Boston.
Bavaria	Jan. 26	Southampton	N. Y.
China	Jan. 30	Liverpool	New York.
Saxonia	Feb. 9	Southampton	N. Y.
Borussia	Feb. 25	Southampton	N. Y.

FROM AMERICA.

Hibernia	Feb. 9	New York	Liverpool.
Australasian	Feb. 10	New York	Liverpool.
America	Feb. 13	N. Y.	Southampton.
Asia	Feb. 17	New York	Liverpool.
Saxonia	Feb. 20	N. Y.	Southampton.
Saxonia	Mar. 5	N. Y.	Southampton.
Borussia	Mar. 19	N. Y.	Southampton.

For New-Orleans, Havana, &c.

Corsica	Feb. 1	New-York	Nassau.
Evening Star	Feb. 6	N. Y.	Havana & N. O.
Morning Star	Feb. 20	N. Y.	Havana & N. O.

For California, &c.

Illinois	Feb. 3	New York	Nicaragua

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

The Line-of-Battle Ship New Hampshire to Relieve the Vermont.

The line-of-battle ship New Hampshire, at Portsmouth, N. H., it is understood, is to go to Port Royal to be the permanent guard ship there in place of the old Vermont. On the arrival of the New Hampshire the crew and invalids of the Vermont will be transferred to her, and the latter ordered to some navy yard for repairs.

The Engines of the Wampanoag.

The Navy Department has given Capt. John Ericsson, of New York, a contract to furnish the machinery for the steamer Wampanoag, now in course of construction at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. They will be built by Delamater, and the cylinders will be a hundred inches in diameter. The machinery for the other fast vessels in course of construction by private parties and Government contractors has been prepared, we believe, by the Engineer-in-Chief of the Navy.

Mail for the South-Atlantic Squadron

A transport will leave the Brooklyn Navy-Yard for the rendezvous of the South-Atlantic Blockade Fleet in a few days. Persons having friends on board the different ships of Admiral Dahlgren's and Admiral Farragut's squadrons can send letters, papers and parcels to them by forwarding them post-paid to the Brooklyn Naval Lyceum. A mail for the East Gulf Squadron will also be made up in a short time.

Letters and papers should be sent to the Lyceum a day before the vessel sails at all times.

Launches.

The new side wheel steamer Excelsior, built at Stack's yard, for the Messrs. Leary, was launched on Saturday afternoon, at 2 p. m. She is 225 feet in length, with 48 feet beam over all, and is to be in running order in the month of May. Her engines are to be constructed by Murphy & Co., and will be very powerful.

The new steamship Fung Shuey, which has already been described in the *Tribune* was also successfully launched on Saturday afternoon, from Whitlock's yard at Greenpoint.

The Navy.

Letters from Brest up to the 17th ult. report the Kearsarge blockading the Florida. Captain Winslow had been informed from several sources that the Georgia, Florida and Rappahannock had continued to meet at a certain point to attack the Kearsarge. The Kearsarge was the only United States man-of-war on the lookout for the pirates; but she has kept them in port and prevented all burning operations in the channel.

Attempt to Run the Charleston Blockade—Destruction of a Fine Steamer.

The particulars of the recent destruction of a blockade runner at Charleston are thus given in reports to the Navy Department:

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, at sunrise, a long, low, side-wheel steamer was discovered under the guns of Sullivan's Island. Admiral Dahlgren immediately gave orders for the leading monitors, the Nahant, Passaic and Lehigh, to open on her with their rifled guns. Some fine practicing took place at a range of 2,500 to 2,700 yards. The Nahant was ordered to drop astern and take on board a howitzer, which was done, and then she resumed firing with the howitzer, it being impossible to get proper elevation with her rifled gun on account of the size of her portholes.

The Morris Island batteries also opened on the steamer, and she was twice set on fire. Several shell were seen to explode in her, and shot from the Lehigh went through her, entirely disabling her. Another blockade runner was discovered a night or two afterward, and chased, but got away in the darkness. Refugees state that half a dozen steamers were expected to run the blockade. Admiral Dahlgren will not allow those intentions to be consummated.

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SECOND ARMY CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS RECRUITING SERVICE.
SECOND CORPS,
HARRISBURG, PA., Jan. 15, 1864.

AUTHORITY HAVING BEEN given me to recruit the 2d Corps to fifty thousand (50,000) men for such special service, under my command, as may be designated by the War Department, I appeal to the citizens of Pennsylvania to aid me in filling up the regiments and batteries of my command which owe their origin to the State. They are as follows:

81st, 140th, 116th, (battalion,) 148th, 53d, 145th, 71st, 72d, 69th and 106th Regiments of Infantry, and Batteries F and G, 1st Penn'a Artillery, and Cavalry, Independent Pennsylvania Battalery.

Until the 1st of March next, the following bounties will be paid by the General Government:

For Veterans, $102; for Others, $302.

All Volunteers enlisted for this organization will be accredited to the city, county, town, township or ward which they may elect as the place to which they desire the credit to be given.

When no such election is made the enlisting officer will give credit to the place of enlistment.

Each locality is therefore interested in increasing the number of enlistments to the extent of its quota in the draft, and any stimulus given by local bounties or other efforts, will have the effect of preventing those who desire to volunteer, from leaving the places of their residence and enlisting elsewhere, where the inducements offered may be greater.

The same regulations that have hitherto governed enlistments in this State, as to the persons empowered to enlist, the rules for mustering and for furnishing transportation and supplies, will apply in this case.

Any one desiring to enlist in either of these organizations may do so in any part of the State, by making application to the District Provost Marshal or any recruiting officer from the Second Corps, no matter to which regiment said officers may belong.

I have come among you as a Pennsylvanian, for the purpose of endeavoring to aid you in stimulating enlistments.

As this is a matter of interest to all citizens of this State—its quota being still nearly 30,000 deficient, I earnestly call upon you all to assist by exerting the influence in your power in this important matter. To adequately reinforce our armies in the field is to insure that the war will not reach your homes, and will be the means of bringing it to a speedy and happy conclusion, and of saving the lives of many of our brave soldiers who would otherwise be lost by the prolongation of the war and in indecisive battles.

It is only necessary to destroy the rebel armies now in the field to insure a speedy and permanent peace; let us all act with that fact in view; let it not be said that Pennsylvania, which has already given so many of her citizens to this righteous cause, shall now, at the eleventh hour be behind her sister States in furnishing her quota of the men deemed necessary to end the rebellion. Some States have filled their quotas! others will do so; a little exertion on our part will soon fill all the decimated regiments of the State and obviate the necessity of a draft.

Let it not be that those organizations which have won for themselves and their State so much honor, shall pass out of existence for the want of patriotism in the people. Unless these regiments are filled to the minimum strength they will soon cease to exist. It will be necessary to act quickly to ensure success. Other States, by having used greater exertions, and by the inducements of local bounties, draw draw away your young men. By giving bounties at home, and stimulating the State pride, you will secure to your regiments that portion of the male population whose circumstances readily permit them to take the field.

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